



A82 Inverness Walking & Cycling Improvements

Tomnahurich Roundabout to Longman Road



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Project Outline

Welcome to the ninth newsletter of the series providing updates and information regarding the progress of the road safety improvements on the A82 in Inverness between Tomnahurich Roundabout and Longman Roundabout.

The project aims to improve safety through providing enhanced facilities for non-motorised users who walk and cycle on the A82. The scheme aims to encourage more active travel by improving footways and installing safer crossing points and will hopefully contribute to reducing the number of vehicle collisions.

The scheme is being carried out by BEAR Scotland on behalf of Transport Scotland. Construction has now been completed on three significant projects planned for the single carriageway section:

- The push-button signal controlled crossings on Glenurquhart Road at Smith Avenue and Montague Row have both been in operation for several months. Both crossings have been greatly received by the community and are used frequently
- The upgrades to the Kenneth Street / Tomnahurich Street junction have now been completed. This includes:
 - Push button controlled crossings on all arms to improve pedestrian mobility.
 - Upgrades to the existing vehicle signals to improve reliability and resilience.
 - Improvements to the footways; including localised widening and resurfacing.
 - Carriageway resurfacing throughout the junction area.
- The installation of kerbed build outs at other key locations on the footway network and improvements to existing pedestrian islands and bus stops. This work is expected to commence later in the 2021/22 financial year.
- The in-depth investigation and public engagement exercise into potential improvements on the A82 Longman Road Dual Carriageway has now commenced, details can be found within this newsletter.

Project Update – Kenneth Street/ Tomnahurich Street Junction

The Kenneth Street / Tomnahurich Street Junction improvements have now been completed. There are now push button-controlled crossings on all four arms of the junction which allows for better pedestrian mobility from the riverside and towards the local primary schools. All crossings have been upgraded to meet the Equalities Act regulations and technology to increase the crossing time for slower pedestrians.



The A82 at Kenneth Street / Tomnahurich Street Junction pedestrian crossing as been operational since August.

To maximise efficiency of the junction for all users there is separate crossing phases on specific legs and there is also an all green phase for pedestrians.

The traffic signal sequence has also been optimised to minimise delays for all users.

This project involved a significant amount of complex underground work in a confined location and used temporary traffic signals to ensure the safety of the public and road workers. We thank road users and the local community for their understanding whilst the works took place.



The pedestrian crossing at Kenneth Street / Tomnahurich Street Junction in operation.

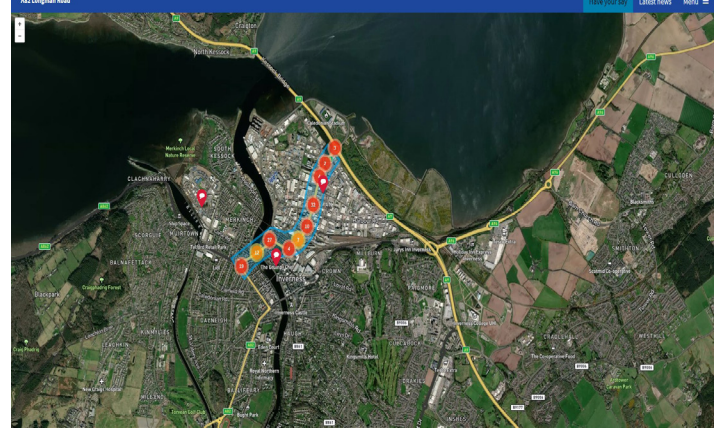
Project Update – Dual Carriageway Public Engagement

BEAR Scotland has launched a public engagement exercise to understand where we can improve the experience and perceived safety of all ages and abilities, walking, wheeling and cycling on the A82 between Telford Road roundabout and Longman Roundabout. As well as road safety concerns, we are also looking for comments regarding how and where the facilities on the A82 within the study area can be improved to promote active travel.

Due to the complexity of the dual carriageway section of the A82 through Inverness we would like to involve the local community as early as possible in this investigation to ensure we understand and identify the concerns of local road users and their aspirations for this section of the trunk road network. This will allow us to develop schemes which reflect the needs of local users in the locations where people experience the greatest issues and have identified where improvements should be made.

We would like to invite you to leave a comment using the Commonplace interactive map using the link below.

[Have Your Say Today – A82 Longman Road – Commonplace](#)



This will be available until Thursday 30 September, after which the responses will be analysed to inform the next steps of the project. If you have any further questions regarding the public engagement exercise, please email a82invernesspublicengagement@bearsotland.co.uk.

Traffic Information

To report a defect or problem on the trunk road network, please visit the BEAR Scotland website at <https://www.bearsotland.com/report-a-defect/> or contact the Trunk Road Customer Care line on 0800 028 1414.

Motorists driving in and around Inverness can access up to the minute journey time information at www.trafficscotland.org or twitter [@trafficscotland](https://twitter.com/trafficscotland).

Should you require any further information about the A82 Tomnahurich Road Safety Improvements, please contact BEAR Scotland by emailing: NWConsultation@bearsotland.co.uk or call 0800 028 1414.

Which areas of the A82 Longman Road trunk road would you like to see improved?

View the map and drop a pin to leave a comment on the areas you have road safety related concerns and active travel aspirations relating to walking, cycling or wheeling on the A82 Longman Road. This engagement exercise only relates to the A82 dual carriageway section between Telford Road roundabout and Longman roundabout.

[View map and comment](#) [Learn more about the project](#)

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