

A9 Dualling Programme Pitlochry to Killiecrankie Project Welcome



In summer 2015, Transport Scotland held exhibitions to present route options for the A9 between Pitlochry and Killiecrankie. Work undertaken at that time showed the three mainline options that had been developed over the course of the previous year and public feedback on the mainline options and junctions was sought.

Assessment of the options is still being progressed and no decision on a preferred option has yet been made. Information about the use of the existing side road network and local accesses was also requested.

Since that exhibition, we have developed proposals for side road options.

This community engagement event is intended to continue the consultation on the side road options and build on feedback received. We are seeking your feedback on the side road options presented to help inform the ongoing development and assessment of the scheme.

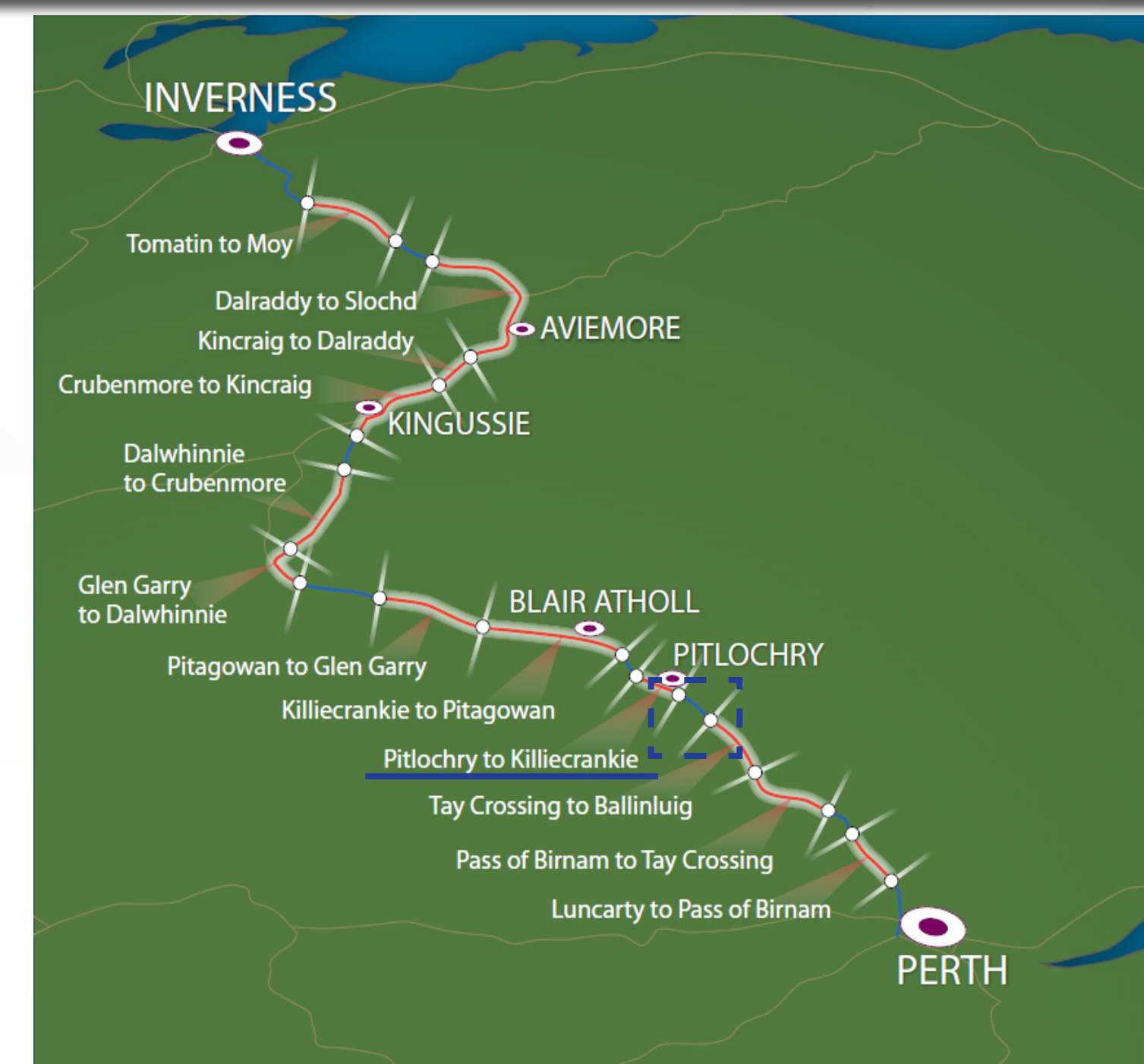
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- **How those different options may affect you**

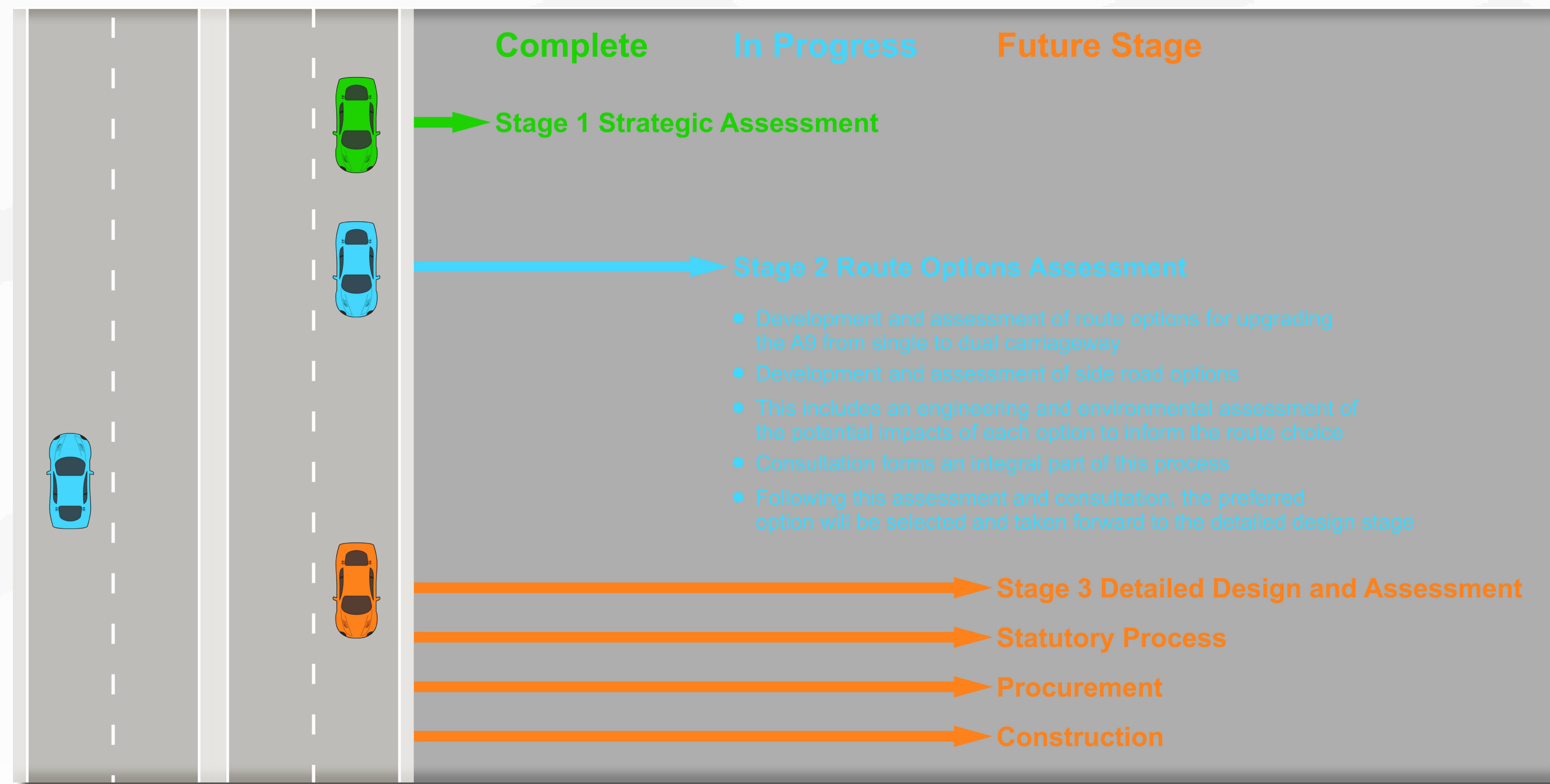
Please take your time to study the information on display and to speak to the team present today. Your comments are an important part of the assessment process and we ask that you provide written feedback.



View of the A9 looking north from the Foss Road Junction.



Route Options and Side Road Options Development



We are following the standard trunk road scheme development process and progressing in accordance with guidance in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB).

The current work (referred to as Stage 2) covers the development and assessment of route options and side road options and builds on the previous Preliminary Engineering Services and Strategic Environmental Assessment completed in 2014.

Feedback from consultation with the local community and stakeholders, including today's event, will be considered as part of the further development, refinement and assessment of the side road options.

The next stage (referred to as Stage 3) will also include a more detailed consideration of :

- accesses
- laybys
- facilities for pedestrians, cyclists and other non-motorised users

During DMRB Stage 3 detailed assessment of the potential impacts of the design will be completed and, where mitigation requirements are identified, these will be incorporated.

Further work, including engagement with affected people, local communities, the public, and stakeholders (including SEPA, SNH and Perth and Kinross Council for example) will be undertaken as we develop our options further.

Side Road Options

To assist in developing a consistent approach to the design of side roads, accesses and junctions along the A9, a Junction and Access Strategy has been developed. The Junction and Access Strategy facilitated the assessment and sifting of options which have a more significant impact.

Options have been developed based on a combination of:

- Using existing side roads or access track (upgrading them where required);
- Construction of new access road; and/or
- Left-in, Left-out junctions in exceptional circumstances.

This has resulted in side road options being included in the DMRB Stage 2 Assessment which are on display today.

These options were selected as the most favourable after considering the potential for environmental impact, engineering and physical constraints, traffic impacts, local side road use and costs.

Information about options that were considered and sifted out is available at this event.

Staff with plans of the options are available to talk you through the designs and assist in capturing your feedback.



View of A9 with Foss Road Junction

Side Road Options

The side road options for Pitlochry to Killiecrankie were developed taking into account constraints and considerations including the following;

- Access to and from Clunie and Foss, including Clunie Power Station;
- Access to the Fonab area of Pitlochry, including Pitlochry Festival Theatre, Fonab Castle Hotel and Milton of Fonab Caravan Park;
- River Tummel and Loch Faskally, part of the River Tay Special Area of Conservation (SAC);
- Loss of Ancient Woodland;
- The core path network;
- Landscape and visual impacts;
- Impact on properties;
- Traffic impact on Pitlochry including diversion times and length diversion;
- Cost; and
- Earthwork quantities.



View of A9 looking towards Pitlochry South Junction.



Ancient Woodland with natural rock formation.



Local wildlife enjoying Loch Dunmore.



View of A9 at Pitlochry North Junction.



Reflections of Loch Faskally captured during ecological survey.

Consultation and Engagement

Public Exhibition Feedback

As part of the DMRB Stage 2 Assessment process, public consultation has been undertaken to inform the further development, refinement and assessment of the route and junction options. Public consultation has been achieved partly via a series of public exhibitions alongside ongoing consultation meetings with landowners and other stakeholders.

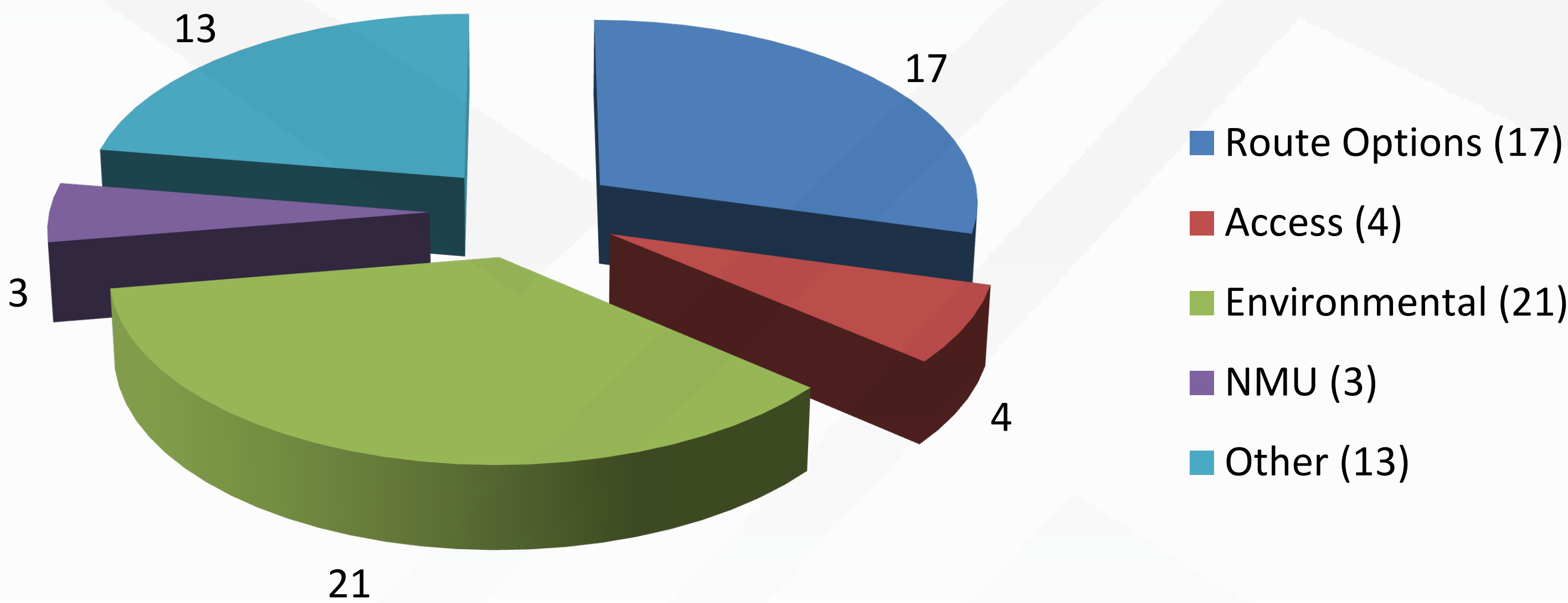
The last Pitlochry to Killiecrankie public exhibitions were held in Pitlochry Town Hall, Pitlochry on the 14th, 15th, 29th and 30th July 2015. Two daytime and two evening exhibitions were held

We received a total 22 feedback forms, containing 58 comments. Each comment was reviewed and the key points summarised into broad categories as shown on the pie chart and are being documented in an exhibition report.

The route options and environmental considerations within the Pitlochry to Killiecrankie Section are an important aspect within the scheme.

A number of visitors to the exhibitions raised concerns relating to the potential loss of an area of Faskally Woods in the vicinity of the site of the Enchanted Forrest event.

The feedback provided by members of the public, will continue to inform the design development.



Summary of Exhibition Comments

What Happens Next ?



Your comments on the side road options will help inform the ongoing project development.

We invite you to provide written feedback by:

Email to: A9dualling@jacobs.com

Post to:
Sarah Morgan
A9 Dualling Stakeholder Manager
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95 Bothwell Street
Glasgow
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Please provide feedback by **4th March 2016**.

The options presented today, together with other options identified during this engagement, may be subject to further development. A preferred mainline and side road option is expected to be selected during 2016 and at this time an Exhibition will be held to consult with the local community and stakeholders.

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Feedback form

Introduction
Thank you for attending our A9 Dualling Pitlochry to Killiecrankie community engagement event. We would be grateful if you could take the time to provide any feedback or comments you may have on the reverse of this feedback form by 4th March 2016

Your details (optional)

Name:

Address:

Postcode:

Telephone:

Email:

Please email or post completed responses (address opposite) by Friday 4th March 2016 to Jacobs A9 Dualling team

Email to: A9dualling@jacobs.com

Information: www.transportscotland.gov.scot/projects/a9-dualling-perth-inverness

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PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING PAGE TO RECORD YOUR COMMENTS OR FEEDBACK

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Comments:

