

A16.1 Effects on All Travellers Consultation

Table 1: Summary of Effects on All Travellers EIA consultation

Organisation	Summary of key concerns/issues
Statutory Stakeholder	
The Highland Council	The Highland Council have been consulted at various stages throughout the consultation period. The Highland Council provided a response to the A96 Scoping Report. In respect of the Effects on All Travellers chapter, the response noted the need to utilise de-trunked sections of the A96 for NMU use, whilst also questioning whether the B9090 road and a speed limit review, had been considered as part of the Driver Stress assessment. The Highland Council have also provided a definitive map of all core, local and aspirational paths within the study area, as well as details of school and local bus routes. In addition, the Highland Council made comments in regard to the content of the EIA, public transport, laybys, speed limits and cycle routes.
Non-statutory Stakeholders	
Paths for All	Special care should be taken with the Scheme to ensure the local path network is protected and that opportunity for active travel is not hampered. In addition, opportunities for enhancement of the local path network and connectivity within local communities should be considered.
Cycling Scotland	Consultee response dated 22 nd December 2015 confirmed they had no local knowledge of the area and recommended liaising with Sustrans, The Highland Council and HITRANS. Cycling Scotland did highlight that Cycling by Design should be utilised along with other design guides.
Sustrans	Consultee response dated 21 st December 2015 recommended that the Scheme not only focus on well-defined routes like the national Cycle Network, but also about the wider informal network of roads, paths and tracks. Sustrans consider that the local route between Auldearn and Nairn may be a potential issue, but do not hold information on it.
British Horse Riding Society	Provided hard copies of maps showing key equestrian crossing facilities in January/February 2014 after a series of meetings were held with riders
Scotways	Consultation with Scotways on 11 April 2016 confirmed there was only one registered right of way within the 500m study area.
Hitrans	Meeting with Hitrans, Jacobs and Transport Scotland took place on 11 th November 2015. The meeting discussed a number of issues relating to NMU provision.
Ramblers Scotland	Consultation response from Ramblers Scotland on 21 st December 2015 outlines that a committee member had attended the NMU forum and raised any issues then. No further comments were received.
NMU Forum – Transport Scotland, Aberdeen City Council, Aberdeen Cycle Forum, Aberdeenshire Council, British Horse Society, Forestry Commission, Highland Council, Highland Cycle Campaign, Hitrans, Moray Council, Nestrans, Ramblers Scotland, Scotways, Scottish Natural Heritage, Sustrans	
Key concerns/issues/opportunities raised: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comments regarding the content of the NMU Strategy; • Too much focus on crossings and not the path network; • Need to look at the potential for parallel routes; • Promotion of active travel needs to be a key priority; • Opportunities for using de-trunked sections of A96 as NMU routes; • Opportunity for a parallel cycle route to be implemented; and • Concern that NMU would be forced onto poor standard local roads. 	