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Introducing the environmental team and current survey work

One of the critical elements in the development of a new road scheme is the environmental impact assessment (EIA) and landscape design. An Environmental and Landscaping Manager Shirley Henderson is responsible for ensuring that the environmental impacts of the scheme are identified and properly assessed.

The River Nairn.

Engaging with the community

Future drop-in sessions will be organised to give the public further opportunity to come along and discuss any issues or queries on an informal, one-to-one basis. The stakeholder management team will be in attendance at the drop-in sessions with technical specialists to answer questions and discuss the scheme. Details will be publicised locally.

Contact details

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Design development

Over the coming months, the Jacobs team will be refining the design of the preferred option so that it best meets the needs of road users, local communities, residents and businesses. This work will include:

- Considering local changes to the alignment of the preferred option, including side roads, to minimise environmental and land use impacts
- Re-filing the layout and positioning of junctions to minimize land-take and ensure all local access requirements are accommodated
- Development of the preferred option to facilitate public transport, cycling and other non-motorised users, including consideration of additional routes and facilities where appropriate
- Re-designing the design of bridges to reduce land-take and ensure cost effectiveness
- Design optimisation in the vicinity of public utility apparatus
- Development of the road drainage design, including surface water management
- Review of potential flood risk areas, and associated design work
- Further development of the side roads and private access designs to ensure suitable access is provided.

In addition, ground investigation works are expected to commence during winter 2015/16. This will involve drilling boreholes and digging trial pits to take soil and rock samples at key locations along the route.

Aerial view of A96 (looking east).

Jacobs Environmental and Landscaping Manager Shirley Henderson.

A key part of the environmental assessment process is to carry out ecological and environmental surveys, in order to gather baseline information on existing habitats, species and environmental conditions. Some of these surveys are already under way and you may see Jacobs’ specialists in the area undertaking these. Surveys currently under way include aquatic, breeding birds, reptile, bat and other ecological surveys.

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Meet the team

August 2015

Further information:

For further information on the A96 Dualling Inverness to Nairn (including Nairn Bypass) scheme, please visit the Transport Scotland website: www.transportscotland.gov.uk/project/a96-dualling-inverness-nairn

Information on the wider A96 Dualling Inverness to Aberdeen programme can be found at: www.transportscotland.gov.uk/a96dualling
**Introducing the community engagement team**

**Preferred option for Inverness to Nairn (including Nairn Bypass) scheme as announced in October 2014.**

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