

# Environmental Impact Assessment Record of Determination

A82 Dalnottar to Dumbarton Road Junction Northbound

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#### **Project Details**

#### **Description**

The works are required to maintain the safety and integrity of a stretch of the A82 carriageway (northbound (NB) lanes) within Old Kilpatrick, West Dunbartonshire. The carriageway is presenting signs of continual deterioration.

Construction activities will entail the resurfacing of the A82 carriageway between Dalnottar and the Dumbarton Road junction with the activities as follows:

- Installation of Traffic Management (TM);
- Milling of carriageway to agreed depths;
- Resurfacing of the carriageway to existing road levels using TS2010 surface source, AC20 binder and AC32 bituminous base;
- Reinstatement of road markings, linings and studs; and
- Removal of TM.

The following (but not limited to) plant/machinery/vehicles may be used throughout the scheme:

- Planer;
- Wagon(s);
- Bitumen tank;
- Extrusion liner;
- Paint tanker;
- Paver; and
- Roller(s).

The works are scheduled to be completed within the 2025/2026 financial year (ending on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026) for a duration of seven to ten nights, with works being undertaken during night-time hours.

TM for the scheme will consist of carriageway closures on the A82 carriageway. A diversion route will be in place during night-time hours (weekdays) and during any required weekend working, with the A814 and A898 local carriageways being utilised.

#### Location

The scheme is approximately 15,544m<sup>2</sup> located within a semi-urban section of the A82 carriageway within Old Kilpatrick, West Dunbartonshire, at the approximate National Grid References (NGRs) detailed below:

- NS 47449 72837
- NS 45637 73505

The scheme location is illustrated in Figure 1:

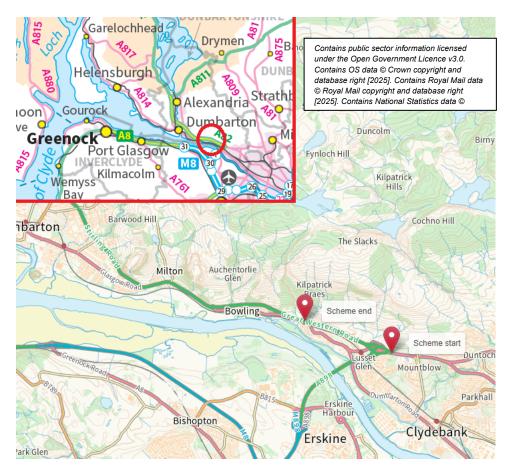


Figure 1: Scheme location.

#### **Description of local environment**

#### Air quality

Baseline air quality levels are likely to be influenced by vehicle traffic from the A82 carriageway and the surrounding residential/industrial activities. The <u>Annual Average Daily Flow</u> (AADF) in 2024 for the A82 carriageway, within the scheme extents (estimated count point ID: 40766), accounted for 49,457 vehicles, with 1,680 of these being Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs).

Approximately 160 residential properties have been identified within 200m of the scheme extents with the closest located 60m south on Eriskay Place. Non-residential air quality sensitive receptors have also been identified within 200m of the scheme extents including Gavinburn Primary School (75m south), Roman Crescent Playpark (160m south), Old Kilpatrick Parish Church (165m south), Old Kilpatrick Bowling Club and Playpark (120m south) and Old Dalnottar Cemetery (20m east).

West Dunbartonshire Council has not declared any <u>Air Quality Management Areas</u> (AQMAs). No <u>real-time air quality monitoring stations</u> are present within 200m of the scheme extents.

<u>The Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory</u> (SPRI) has not identified any polluting facilities within 1km of the scheme extents.

Diversion routes are of a similar nature to the proposed area of works, in that they traverse residential areas within the town of Old Kilpatrick.

#### **Cultural** heritage

The <u>Scotland's Environment Mapping resource</u> has been utilised to ascertain the designated and undesignated culturally significant assets within proximity to the scheme extents (see Tables 1 and 2 below). Designated assets have been determined using a buffer of 300m, whilst undesignated assets have been determined using a buffer of 100m. Where a designation is duplicated, only the highest level of classification has been listed below.

Table 1: Designated cultural heritage assets within 300m.

Name and Designation	Reference Number	I Description	Distance from Scheme
Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Buffer Zone.	WHB1	World Heritage Site (buffer zone).	Within scheme extents.

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Name and Designation	Reference Number	Description	Distance from Scheme
World Heritage Sites: Antonine Wall World Heritage Site Boundary.	WH1	World Heritage Site.	15m north and south.
Mount Pleasant Drive, Old Kilpatrick.	CA354	Conservation Area.	15m south.
Antonine Wall, Railway to Great Western Road, Old Kilpatrick.	SM7067	Scheduled Monument.	20m south.
Antonine Wall, Great Western Road to Mount Pleasant, Old Kilpatrick.	SM7067	Scheduled Monument.	25m north.
Gavinburn Farm, Great Western Road, Old Kilpatrick.	LB50228	Category C Listed Building.	35m north.
Antonine Wall, Mount Pleasant, 190m WSW to 215m SE of Netherclose.	SM7064	Scheduled Monument.	38m north.
Forth and Clyde Canal: Old Kilpatrick – Linnvale.	SM6778	Scheduled Monument.	175m south.
Lusset Road, Old Kilpatrick.	CA355	Conservation Area.	178m south
Old Kilpatrick Parish Church, Dumbarton Road, Old Kilpatrick.	LB14404	Category B Listed Building.	180m south.
Churchyard, Old Kilpatrick Parish Church, Dumbarton Road.	LB14404	Category B Listed Building.	185m south.
K8 Telephone Call Box to north side of Erskine Bridge.	LB52508	Category B Listed Building.	198m south.
Antonine Wall, N of North Dalnottar Cemetery.	SM7066	Scheduled Monument.	200m north.
Erskine Bridge.	LB52482	Category A Listed Building.	200m south.
Lusset House, Lusset Road, Old Kilpatrick.	LB18987	Category B Listed Building.	215m south.
K8 Telephone Call Box to south side of Erskine Bridge.	LB52508	Category B Listed Building.	236m south.
Antonine Wall and fort, Gavinburn Bus Depot, Old Kilpatrick.	SM7673	Scheduled Monument.	290m south.

Table 2: Non-designated cultural heritage assets within 100m.

Name and Designation	Reference Number	Description	Distance from Scheme
Duntocher, Great Western Road, Dalnottar Cemetery Lodge.	265778	Canmore	20m south.
Old Kilpatrick.	43274	Canmore.	36m north.
Old Kilpatrick, 253-259 Dumbarton Road, Hawcraig.	197262	Canmore.	70m south.
Mount Pleasant.	265806	Canmore.	75m north.

#### Landscape and visual effects

Due to the area surrounding the scheme consisting of residential areas within the town of Old Kilpatrick, multiple residential and non-residential properties have been identified within 300m of the works area and are expected to have sight of the scheme extents. Sporadic, dense vegetation is present in areas and the general topography will block views in places however, visual receptors are still anticipated to have sight of the A82 carriageway within the area of works. West Dunbartonshire Council Core Paths 'Erskine Bridge' (path ID: 139), Lusset Glen (path ID: 129) and two unnamed paths (path IDs 133 and 99) have been identified as having the potential to have sight of the scheme extents.

No National Scenic Areas (NSAs) or Garden Designed Landscapes have been identified within 500m of the scheme extents (<u>Scotland's Environment Mapping</u> Resource).

<u>Scotland's Landscape Character Type Map</u> lists the landscape character type present within the scheme extents to be 'Rugged Moorland Hills'. <u>Scotland's Historic Land-Use Map</u> lists the land surrounding the scheme extents as a mixture of urban, rectilinear farms and fields and industrial/commercial.

Trees within the land to the immediate north of the scheme fall under <u>Tree</u> <u>Preservation Orders</u> (TPOs) (site IDs: CDC5 and DDC2). No other TPOs have been identified within 300m of the scheme extents.

Diversion routes are of a similar nature to the proposed area of works, in that they traverse residential areas within the town of Old Kilpatrick.

#### **Biodiversity**

The A82 carriageway verge within the scheme extents contains areas of low-lying vegetation and in smaller areas, dense vegetation, separating the carriageway from residential areas within the town of Old Kilpatrick. <u>Scotland's Ancient Woodland Inventory</u> (AWI) has identified three areas of ancient woodland within 500m of the scheme extents:

- Unnamed Ancient (of semi-natural origin) woodland (site ID: 19), approx. 90m north;
- Unnamed Long-Established (of plantation origin) woodland (site ID: 41), approx.
   200m south; and
- Unnamed Ancient (of semi-natural origin) woodland (site ID: 18), approx. 240m north.

The Inner Clyde Ramsar and Special Protection Area (SPA) designated sites of ecological importance have been identified approximately 315m south of the scheme extents (NatureScot's Sitelink).

Due to the potential for likely significant effects on these designated European sites and their qualifying feature, a Habitats Regulations Appraisal (HRA) has been undertaken for the scheme.

No other nationally designated sites (such as Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) or Local Nature Reserves) have been identified within 200m of the scheme extents however, the aforementioned Inner Clyde Ramsar and SPA is also a SSSI site by the same title.

The NBN Atlas resource has identified the presence of Invasive Non-Native Species (INNS) within 500m of the scheme extents including Himalayan balsam (Impatiens glandulifera), Japanese knotweed (Fallopia japonica) and rhododendron (Rhododendron ponticum). This resource has also identified the presence of Transport Scotland (TS) Target Species within this parameter including creeping thistle (Cirsium arvense), rosebay willowherb (Chamaenerion angustifolium), spear thistle (Cirsium vulgare) and broad-leaved dock (Rumex obtusifolius). The Amey Environment SW INNS Map resource has not recorded the presence of any INNS within 500m of the scheme extents, however, has identified the presence of TS Target Species rosebay willowherb, creeping thistle and common ragwort (Jacobaea vulgaris) within the verges adjacent to the scheme extents.

The scheme and the surrounding habitat have been reviewed by a senior ecologist utilising desktop resource, and, in turn, a site visit was scoped out. The transient

nature of the works combined with the requirement of the works to be contained within the pavement boundary has allowed for this conclusion.

#### **Geology and soils**

The scheme is not located within 200m of any Geological Conservation Review sites (GCRs), or SSSIs designated for their geological significance (NatureScot's Sitelink).

<u>The National Soil Map of Scotland</u> holds no information regarding the soil present within the scheme extents and the Land Classification for Agriculture, due to the area's urban nature suggesting immature soils.

#### **Bedrock Geology**:

- Cochno Lava Member Basaltic-rock, plagioclase-microphyric. Igneous bedrock formed between 344.5 and 330.9 million years ago during the Carboniferous period (western extents).
- Strathgryfe Lava Member Basaltic-rock, plagioclase-macrophyric. Igneous bedrock formed between 344.5 and 330.9 million years ago during the Carboniferous period (eastern extents).

#### **Superficial Deposits**:

- Till, Devensian Diamicton. Sedimentary superficial deposit formed between 116 and 11.8 thousand years ago during the Quaternary period (western extents).
- Raised Marine Beach Deposits, Late Devensian Sand and gravel. Sedimentary superficial deposit formed between 116 and 11.8 thousand years ago during the Quaternary period (eastern extents).

As a result of the works taking place strictly on made ground within the A82 carriageway boundary, it has been determined that the project does not carry the potential to cause direct or indirect impact to geology or soils. As such, impact has been assessed as being 'no change' and has been scoped out of requiring further assessment.

#### Material assets and waste

The works are required to resurface the worn carriageway and reinstate road markings and studs. Materials used will consist of:

- Bituminous surfacing (TS2010, AC20 binder and AC32 base);
- Road marking materials (thermoplastic road marking paint) and studs;
- Vehicle fuel;

- Oil; and
- Lubricant.

Wastes are anticipated to be planings from the carriageway surface course, with no coal tar recorded from coring logs within scheme extents. The Contractor is responsible for the disposal/recycling of road planings, and this will be registered in accordance with a Paragraph 13(a) waste exemption issued by the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), as described in Schedule 3 of the Waste Management Licensing Regulations 2011.

This scheme value is not in excess of £350k and therefore a Site Waste Management Plan (SWMP) is not required to be produced.

#### **Noise and vibration**

Baseline air quality levels are likely to be influenced by vehicle traffic from the A82 carriageway and the surrounding residential/industrial activities. The <u>AADF</u> in 2024 for the A82 carriageway, within the scheme extents (estimated count point ID: 40766), accounted for 49,457 vehicles, with 1,680 of these being HGVs.

Over 250 residential properties have been identified within 300m of the scheme extents with the closest located 60m south on Eriskay Place. Non-residential noise sensitive receptors have also been identified within 300m of the scheme extents including Gavinburn Primary School (75m south), Roman Crescent Playpark (160m south), Old Kilpartick Parish Church (165m south), Old Kilpatrick Bowling Club and Playpark (120m south) and Old Dalnottar Cemetery (20m east).

<u>Scotland's Noise Map</u> has indicated modelled day-evening-night noise levels (Lden) in the areas surrounding the carriageway to be around 65-75 dB within 70m. Night-time noise levels (Lnight) surrounding the carriageway show levels of 50-65 dB within 70m. The scheme is not located within a Candidate Noise Management Area (CNMA) as defined within the <u>Transportation Noise Action Plan</u>.

The proposed diversion routes travel through areas of a similar nature to the proposed area of works, including residential areas within the town of Old Kilpatrick.

#### Population and human health

The A82 carriageway within the scheme extents is located within the town of Old Kilpatrick, West Dunbartonshire. This section of the A82 carriageway links smaller towns such as Old Kilpatrick and Dumbarton with the city of Glasgow. Whilst these smaller towns play host to amenities and facilities such as educational facilities,

medical facilities and care facilities, a greater abundance and complexity of these facilities can be found in the city of Glasgow.

Over 250 residential properties have been identified within 300m of the scheme extents with the closest located 60m south on Eriskay Place. Community facilities and assets of note identified within 300m of the scheme extents include Gavinburn Primary School (75m south), Roman Crescent Playpark (160m south), Old Kilpartick Parish Church (165m south), Old Kilpatrick Bowling Club and Playpark (120m south) and Old Dalnottar Cemetery (20m east).

The A82 carriageway within the scheme extents is street-lit, contains footways and off-slips for the Erskine Bridge and Old Kilpatrick combined with on-slips for those entering the A82 carriageway from Old Kilpatrick. No bus stops or laybys are present within the scheme extents. No single access points to properties (including agricultural land) are present within the scheme extents.

West Dunbartonshire Council Core Paths 'Erskine Bridge' (path ID: 139), 'Lusset Glen' (path ID: 129) and two unnamed paths (path IDs 133 and 99) have been identified within 300m of the scheme extents. No National Cycle Network (NCN) routes have been identified within 300m of the scheme extents.

Diversion routes are of a similar nature to the proposed area of works, in that they traverse residential areas within the town of Old Kilpatrick.

#### Road drainage and the water environment

SEPA's Water Classification Hub has identified the Forth and Clyde Canal (site IDs: 10710 and 10709), classified under the Water Framework Directive (WFD) as being in 'Good' condition, approx. 200m south of the scheme extents. This resource has also identified the Clyde Estuary (site IDs: 200510 and 200320), classified under the WFD as being in 'Moderate' condition, approx. 320m south of the scheme extents. Multiple field and road drains are also present beneath and running parallel to the A82 carriageway within the scheme extents.

SEPA's Water Classification Hub has identified the groundwater conditions within the scheme extents (entitled 'Clydebank Sand and Gravel', site ID: 150775) as being in 'Good' condition.

<u>SEPA's Flood Map</u> has identified areas towards the western extent of the scheme to be at a 'High' (approx. 10% each year) risk of surface water flooding. No areas of the A82 carriageway within the scheme extents are at risk of river water flooding according to this resource.

The A82 carriageway within the scheme extents is drained via top-entry gullies and is not within a Scottish Government Nitrate Vulnerable Zone (NVZ).

#### **Climate**

#### **Carbon Goals**

The Climate Change (Scotland) Act 2009, as amended by the Scottish Carbon Budgets Amendment Regulations 2025 sets out the statutory framework for reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in Scotland. The prior annual and interim targets have been replaced by five-year carbon budgets, which sets limits on the amount of GHGs that can be emitted in Scotland.

The proposed carbon budgets are aligned with advice from the UK Climate Change Committee (CCC) and calculated in accordance with the 2009 Act. The 2025 Regulations define the baseline years for emissions reductions as 1990 for GHGs including carbon dioxide, methane, and nitrous oxide, and 1995 for others such as hydrofluorocarbons, perfluorocarbons, and sulphur hexafluoride (as set out in Section 11 of the Act). The budgets are as follows:

- 2026 2030: Average emissions to be 57% lower than baseline.
- 2031 2035: Average emissions to be 69% lower than baseline.
- 2036 2040: Average emissions to be 80% lower than baseline
- 2041 2045: Average emissions to be 94% lower than baseline.

These budgets are legally binding and will be supported by a new Climate Change Plan, which will outline the specific policies and actions required to meet the targets.

Transport Scotland remains committed to reducing carbon across Scotland's transport network, this commitment is being enacted through the Mission Zero for Transport. Transport is the largest contributor to harmful climate emissions in Scotland, and Transport Scotland are committed to reducing their emissions by 75% by 2030 and to a legally binding target of net-zero by 2045.

Amey's Company Wide Carbon Goal is to achieve Scope 1 and 2 net-zero carbon emissions, with a minimum of 80% absolute reduction on our emissions by 2035. Amey is aiming to be fully net-zero, including Scope 3 emissions, by 2040.

Amey are working towards a contractual commitment to have carbon neutral depots on the South West Network Management Contract (SW NMC) network by 2028. Amey have set carbon goals for the SW NMC contract as a whole to be net-zero carbon by 2032.

#### **Policies and Plans**

This Record of Determination (RoD) has been undertaken in accordance with Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (RSA EIA Regulations) along with Transport Scotland's Environmental Impact Assessment Guidance (Guidance – Environmental Impact Assessments for road projects (transport.gov.scot)). Relevant guidance, policies and plans accompanied with the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB)) LA 101 and LA 104 were used to form this assessment.

# Description of main environmental impacts and proposed mitigation

#### Air quality

#### **Impacts**

- On site construction activities carry the potential to produce airborne particulate matter, dust and generate emissions that may have a temporary impact on local air quality levels and act as a nuisance to nearby residents.
- TM being implemented during the scheme may result in an increase in associated vehicle emissions through idling vehicles and increased congestion, particularly on routes impacted by diversions.

#### **Mitigation**

- Best practice and measures as outlined in the 'Guidance on the assessment of dust from demolition and construction (January 2024)' published by the Institute of Air Quality Management (IAQM), which includes the following mitigation relevant to this scheme will be followed:
  - The site layout will be planned (including plant, vehicles and Non-Road Mobile Machinery (NRMM)) so that machinery and dust causing activities are located away from receptors, as far as reasonably practicable;
  - Materials that have a potential to produce dust will be removed from site as soon as possible, unless being re-used on site (stockpiles will be covered or fenced to prevent wind whipping);
  - Cutting, grinding or sawing equipment will be fitted or used in conjunction with suitable dust suppression techniques such as water sprays or local extraction, e.g. suitable local exhaust ventilation systems;
  - Drop heights from conveyors and other loading or handling equipment will be minimised;

- Vehicles carrying wastes and materials will be covered when entering and leaving the work area to prevent escape of materials during transport;
- Equipment will be readily available on site to clean any dry spillages and spillages will be cleaned up as soon as reasonably practicable after the event using wet cleaning methods; and
- When not in use, plant, vehicles and NRMMs will be switched off and there will be no idling vehicles.
- Plant, vehicles and NRMM will be regularly maintained, paying attention to the integrity of exhaust systems to ensure such fuel operated equipment is not generating excessive fumes.
- Green driving techniques will be adopted, and effective route preparation and planning will be undertaken prior to works.
- Where possible, materials will be sourced locally.
- Surfaces will be swept where loose material remains following planing.

No significant effects are predicted on air quality. Therefore, in accordance with DMRB Guidance document LA 105: Air Quality no further assessment is required.

#### **Cultural** heritage

#### **Impacts**

- Noise and vibration levels during the works have the potential to impact the
  designated assets listed within proximity to the scheme extents, with particular
  reference to those within 100m given the nature of the works.
- Due to the works containment within the A82 carriageway boundary, and the nature of the designations, no impacts are anticipated on the non-designated culturally significant assets presented in Table 2.

#### **Mitigation**

- Should the nature of the works change, or additional excavation works be required, the Amey ET&S team will be contacted prior to works commencing.
- Due to the scheme being undertaken within proximity to designated culturally significant assets, consultation has been undertaken with the relevant regulatory bodies (West Dunbartonshire Council and Historic Environment Scotland (HES)) prior to works commencing. On the 5<sup>th</sup> of August 2025, HES confirmed that the proposals will not negatively impact on the world heritage site or scheduled monuments and therefore have no comments to make.
- During construction, plant, vehicles, personnel, materials etc. will be contained to hardstanding areas within the carriageway boundary at all times. No materials or wastes will be stored within, or within close proximity to any designated or undesignated culturally significant asset.

• All site operatives will be made aware of the culturally significant assets identified within proximity to the scheme.

With mitigation measures in place, no significant effects are predicted on cultural heritage. Therefore, in accordance with DMRB Guidance document LA 106: Cultural Heritage, no further assessment is required.

#### Landscape and visual effects

#### **Impacts**

- There will be no operational impacts on visual receptors as works entail the likefor-like resurfacing of the A82 carriageway within the scheme extents.
- The residential receptors identified and those using the West Dunbartonshire Council Core Paths identified have the potential to be visually impacted by the scheme during construction due to the presence of TM, plant, vehicles, machinery and operatives.
- The general setting of the area may be impacted during construction due to the presence of TM, plant, vehicles, machinery and operatives.

#### **Mitigation**

- Works will be contained within the A82 carriageway extents.
- Asset installation will be of a minimal visual impact (if any due to the like-for-like nature of the scheme) and will be in keeping with the current setting of the A82 carriageway within the scheme extents.
- Visual screening will be used where possible to minimise visual impacts on surrounding receptors.
- Where possible, vehicles, plant and machinery will be stored out of sight from nearby visual receptors. All site areas will be well-kept and tidy.

The residual effect on landscape and visual effects is deemed to be neutral. Therefore, in accordance with DMRB Guidance document LA 107: Landscape and Visual Effects no further assessment is required.

#### **Biodiversity**

#### **Impacts**

• During night-time programming, misdirected site lighting and additional noise could cause temporary disturbance to any surrounding nocturnal species.

- There is potential for protected species to be active within the surrounding area and for the works to result in disturbance to these species.
- If uncontrolled, the scheme has the potential to spread INNS and Transport Scotland target species present within the verge adjacent to the A82 carriageway within the scheme extents.
- Due to the scheme being contained within the pavement boundary, the ancient woodland identified within 500m of the scheme extents will not be impacted by the works.

- An HRA has been undertaken to assess the impacts of the scheme upon the
  aforementioned designated European sites. No direct impacts or significant effect
  pathways are anticipated for the qualifying interests of the European sites, with
  the sites located over 2km north of the scheme. There is physical connection of
  functional habitats suitable for some designated species, however noise and
  visual disturbance and water and air pollution risks will be appropriately
  minimised by standard pollution and noise controls.
- As part of the Network Management Contract, Amey, on behalf of Transport Scotland, has been asked to keep a record of various target species, including rosebay willowherb, common ragwort, creeping thistle, spear thistle and broadleaved dock. Works will not cause the spread of these species, if a possibility arises wherein works are likely to result in the spread of these species through disturbance, the appropriate Amey landscaping team will be consulted.
- In the event that protected species are sighted, works will temporarily be suspended until the animal has moved on. Any sightings will be reported to the Amey ET&S team. The ET&S team will be contacted for any guidance if required, and the control room will be contacted for environmental record.
- All works and storage of plant, machinery, vehicles and equipment will be restricted to the boundaries of the carriageway.
- All site lighting will be directed away from sensitive ecological receptors such as woodland and watercourses.
- Noise mitigation measures as outlined in the Noise and Vibration section and pollution control mitigations as outlined in the Road Drainage and the Water Environment section will be adhered to during the works.

With mitigation measures in place, no significant effects are predicted on biodiversity. Therefore, in accordance with DMRB Guidance document LA 108: Biodiversity, no further assessment is required.

#### Material assets and waste

#### **Impacts**

- The design life for the TS2010 surfacing proposed is estimated to be 20 years.
   This will reduce the requirement for maintenance to this section of road over this period.
- The works will result in contribution to resource depletion through use of virgin materials.
- GHG emissions will be generated by material production and transportation to and from site.
- Transportation and recovery of materials/waste will require energy deriving from fossil fuels, a non-renewable source.

#### **Mitigation**

- Materials will be derived from recycled, secondary or re-used origin as far as practicable within the design specifications to reduce natural resource depletion and associated emissions.
- It is Amey policy to reuse or recycle as much waste material as possible. Where reuse is not feasible, waste material will be removed to a licenced waste facility.
- Where possible, different waste streams will be separated at the source.
- Waste will be stored in suitable containers and covered.
- The waste hierarchy (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle and Dispose) will be employed throughout the construction works. Waste contractors on-site will adhere to the duty of care with regards to the disposal of removed materials.
- Following on-site coring investigations and testing, no coal-tar was identified
  within the surfacing of the carriageway within the scheme extent. As such, road
  planings generated as a result of the works will be recovered in accordance with
  the criteria stipulated within SEPA document 'Guidance on the Production of Fully
  Recoverable Asphalt Road Planings' where possible.
- All waste will be transported by a suitable licenced contractor and will be accompanied by correctly completed waste transfer note.

With best practice mitigation measures in place, no significant effects are predicted on Material Assets and Waste. Therefore, in accordance with DMRB Guidance document LA 110: Material Assets and Waste, no further assessment is required.

#### **Noise and vibration**

#### **Impacts**

- TS2010 road surfacing is shown to have superior durability and noise reducing features compared to standard road surfacing mixes. Vehicle travellers and nearby local amenity users will benefit from improved road surfacing as a result of the scheme.
- Noise heavy works will likely be required (temporarily) during night-time hours, which could cause disturbance for nearby sensitive receptors (such as residential properties within 300m).
- Temporary noise impacts will be had from vehicle traffic along potential diversion routes as a result of the TM being implemented.

#### **Mitigation**

- The noisiest works will be completed before 23:00 where feasible.
- Plant/machinery will be fitted with silencers/mufflers.
- No plant, vehicles or machinery will be left idling when not in use.
- A soft start to the works will be undertaken, whereby plant/machinery will be turned on sequentially as opposed to simultaneously.
- Amey's environmental briefing on noise and vibration will be delivered to operatives prior to the start of construction.
- Amey's ET&S team has contacted West Dunbartonshire Council's Environmental Health Team to notify of the works and to discuss potential diversion routes due to night-time programming.

With best practice mitigation measures in place, and due to the works being of a minor, temporary, transient nature, no significant effects are predicted for noise and vibration. Therefore, in accordance with DMRB Guidance document LA 111: Noise and Vibration and no further assessment is required.

#### Population and human health

#### **Impacts**

- Construction site lighting during night-time hours could cause disturbance for residential properties in close proximity, and for the nearby amenity users.
- TM for the works will involve road closures and diversion routes. Nearby residents of surrounding settlements may experience travel disruption due to presence of TM, which may lead to increased journey lengths and times.

- There will be no permanent or temporary impacts on land take from private land, community facilities or agricultural land as a result of the scheme as all works will be contained within the carriageway boundary.
- All public footways running parallel to the A82 carriageway and West
  Dunbartonshire Council Core Paths located at the schemes eastern extent (path
  ID: 129) will be impacted by the scheme. All other West Dunbartonshire Council
  Core Paths identified within 300m will be unimpacted by the scheme due to
  general distance from the works in question.

- TM including carriageway and potential core path / footway closures will be advertised upon approach and in advance of the scheme. Potential temporary closures and diversions routes will be discussed in advance with the relevant West Dunbartonshire Council department by Amey.
- When in place, TM will be monitored to ensure it is effectively managing traffic flow.
- Temporary site lighting used throughout the scheme will be directional and pointed only at the area of works.
- Site specific control measures regarding noise and vibration, landscape and visual effects and air quality can be found in the relevant sections (above).
- Due to night-time programming, properties within 300m of the scheme extents will be notified in advance of the works. Pre-notification will include details of proposed timings, duration of the works and alternative access/egress routes for those affected by temporary roadblocks/closures.

With best practice mitigation measures in place, no significant effects on population and human health are predicted. Therefore, in accordance with DMRB Guidance document LA 112: Population and Human Health, no further assessment is required.

#### Road drainage and the water environment

#### **Impacts**

- If not adequately controlled, debris and runoff from the works could enter surrounding surface water environment. In the event of heavy rainfall or a flooding incident, this debris may be mobilised and could enter the road drainage system, thus having a detrimental effect on the surrounding local water environment.
- Potential for spills, leaks or seepage of fuels and oils associated with plant to escape and reach drainage systems and watercourses if not controlled, which may negatively affect the surrounding water environment.
- Should flooding occur, this may delay the scheduled works.

- All debris which has the potential to be suspended in surface water and wash into the local water environment will be cleaned from the site both during and following the works.
- Debris and dust generated as a result of the works will be prevented from entering the drainage system. This will be via the use of drain covers or similar.
- Appropriate measures will be implemented onsite to prevent any potential pollution to the natural water environment (e.g., debris, dust, and hazardous substances). This will include spill kits being present onsite at all times, and the use of funnels and drip trays when transferring fuel etc.
  - The Amey control room will be contacted if any pollution incidences occur (24 hours, 7 days a week).
- Visual pollution inspections of the working area will be conducted frequently, especially during heavy rainfall and wind.
- Weather reports will be monitored prior to and during all construction activities. In the event of adverse weather/flooding events, all activities will temporarily stop and only reconvene when deemed safe to do so.
- All storage of materials/fuel and any refuelling activities will be more than 10m away from any drainage inlet at all times and placed on a hardstanding surface.
- Storage areas will be located away from areas that see high vehicular movement to prevent accidental damage.
- All oils and fuels will be returned to storage area after use.
- Amey's environmental briefing on water pollution prevention will be delivered to operatives prior to the start of construction.

Providing all works operate in accordance with current best practice, as demonstrated by SEPA's Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPPs), no significant effects are predicted on the water environment. Therefore, in accordance with DMRB Guidance document LA 113: Road drainage and the water environment no further assessment is required.

#### **Climate**

#### **Impacts**

 GHG emissions will be emitted through the use of machinery, vehicles and materials used (containing recycled and virgin materials) and transporting to and from site.

- Local suppliers will be used as far as reasonably practicable to reduce travel distance and GHG emitted as part of the works.
- Vehicles/plant will not be left on when not in use to minimise and prevent unnecessary emissions.
- Further actions and considerations for this scheme are detailed in the above Material assets and waste section.

With best practice mitigation measures in place, the residual significance of effect on climate is considered to be neutral. Therefore, in accordance with DMRB Guidance document LA 114: Climate, no further assessment is required.

#### **Vulnerability of the project to risks**

As the works will be limited to the like-for-like replacement of the carriageway structure, there will be no change in vulnerability of the road to risk, or in severity of major accidents/disasters that would impact on the environment.

It has been determined that the project is not expected to alter the vulnerability of the existing trunk road infrastructure to risk of major accidents or disasters.

#### **Assessment cumulative effects**

<u>The Scottish Road Works Commissioner's Interactive Map</u> has not highlighted any works during the proposed timescale and at the location of the works.

<u>West Dunbartonshire Council's Planning Portal</u> has not highlighted any planning applications within the scheme extents at the time of the works in question.

Amey's current programme of works has not highlighted any other works on the A82 carriageway that will be undertaken in conjunction with the scheme.

No other nearby schemes which may result in a combined effect on nearby receptors have been identified.

Any future schemes will be programmed to take into account already programmed works, and as such any effect (such as from TM arrangements and potential construction noise) will be limited.

#### Assessments of the environmental effects

Following assessment as detailed within this Record of Determination, and provided that mitigation measures are in place and best practice is followed, the residual impact is deemed neutral and there will be no significant effects on the environment.

The following environmental reports and consultations have been undertaken:

- An Environmental Scoping Assessment of the scheme, undertaken by the Amey ET&S Team in August 2025.
- An HRA, undertaken by the Amey ET&S Team in August 2025.
- Consultation with West Dunbartonshire Council's Environmental Health team in July 2025.
- Consultation with West Dunbartonshire's Planning team in July 2025.
- Consultation with Historic Environment Scotland in July 2025.

# Statement of case in support of a Determination that a statutory EIA is not required

This is a relevant project in terms of section 55A(16) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 as it is a project for the improvement of a road and the completed works (together with any area occupied by apparatus, equipment, machinery, materials, plant, spoil heaps, or other such facilities or stores required during the period of construction) exceed 1 hectare in area.

The project has been subject to screening using the Annex III criteria to determine whether a formal Environmental Impact Assessment is required under the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (as amended by The Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017). Screening using Annex III criteria, reference to consultations undertaken and review of available information has not identified the need for a statutory EIA.

The project will not have significant effects on the environment by virtue of factors such as:

#### Characteristics of the scheme:

 Construction activities are restricted to the existing carriageway boundary within made ground and as such there will be no residual change to the local landscape as a result of the works.

- No in-combination effects have been identified.
- Works are not expected to result in significant disturbance to protected species that may be present in the wider area.
- The risk of major accidents or disasters is considered to be low.
- As the works will be limited to the like-for-like replacement of the structural components, there is no change to the vulnerability of the road to the risk or severity of major accidents/disasters that would impact on the environment. No impacts on the environment are expected during the operational phase as a result of works.
- By removing the carriageway defects this will provide this part of the A82 carriageway with another life cycle, and significantly improve the ride quality, which will result in safer conditions, and positive operational impacts for road users.

#### Location of the scheme:

- Works are not anticipated to impact areas designated for their landscape character or quality and will not impact culturally significant designations present at the site due to its containment within the carriageway.
- The scheme will be confined within the existing carriageway boundary and as a result will not require any land take or alter any local land uses or habitats.
- Any impacts to the local landscape during the construction phase will be minor, temporary and not considered significant. In addition, no operational adverse impacts are anticipated.

#### Characteristics of potential impacts of the scheme:

- Containment measures of the working area will be in place to prevent debris or pollutants from entering the surrounding environment.
- Any potential impacts of the works are expected to be temporary, non-significant, and limited to the construction phase.
- Measures will be in place to ensure appropriate removal and disposal of waste.
- No in-combination effects have been identified.

#### **Annex A**

"sensitive area" means any of the following:

- land notified under sections 3(1) or 5(1) (sites of special scientific interest) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004
- land in respect of which an order has been made under section 23 (nature conservation orders) of the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004
- a European site within the meaning of regulation 10 of the Conservation (Natural Habitats, &c.) Regulations 1994
- a property appearing in the World Heritage List kept under article 11(2) of the 1972 UNESCO Convention for the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage
- a scheduled monument within the meaning of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Areas Act 1979
- a National Scenic Area as designated by a direction made by the Scottish Ministers under section 263A of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997
- an area designated as a National Park by a designation order made by the Scottish Ministers under section 6(1) of the National Parks (Scotland) Act 2000.



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