

A92 BRIDGE OF DON – BRIDGE OF DEE MULTI-MODAL TRANSPORT STUDY

STUDY BRIEFING PAPER
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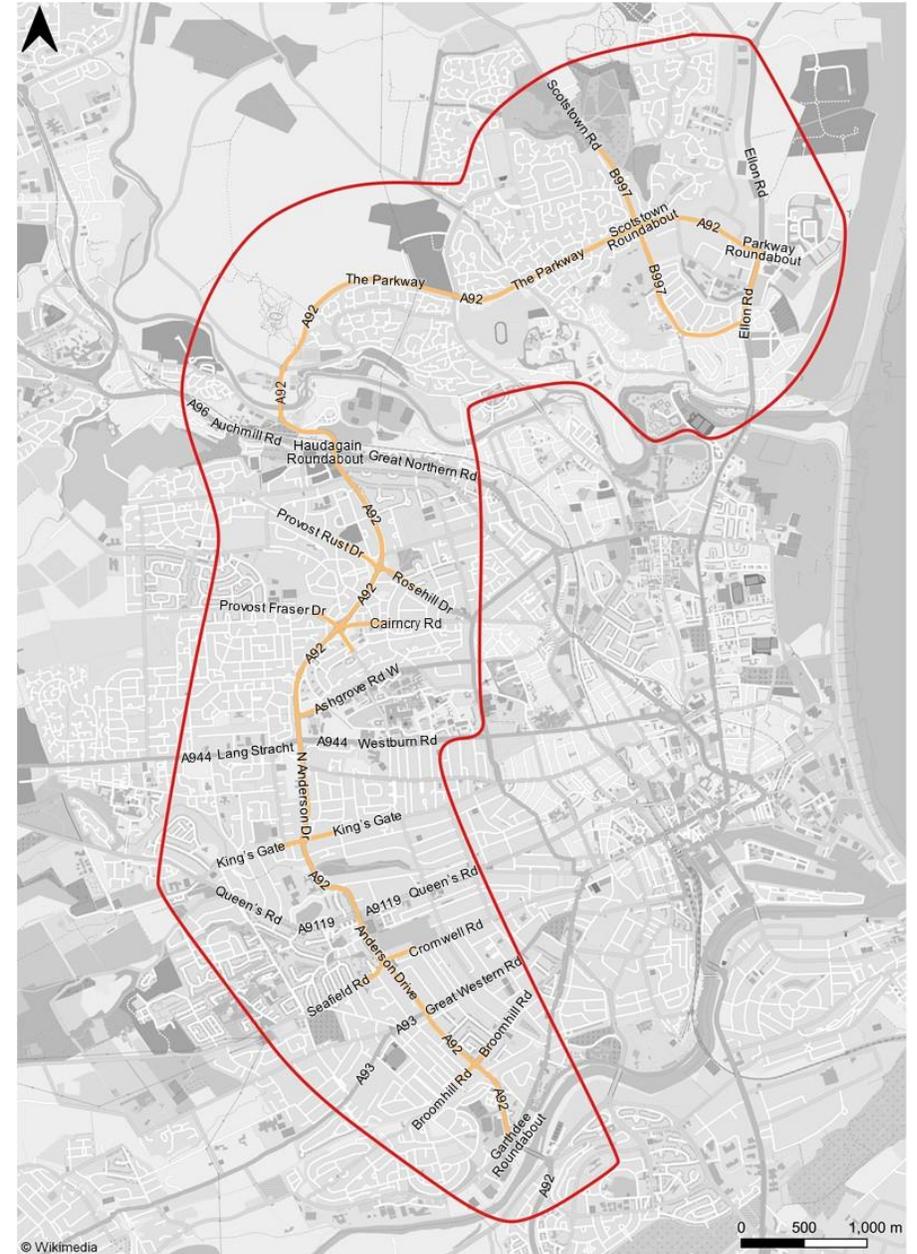
Introduction

Aberdeen City Council (ACC) is working with consultants Jacobs to develop a Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG)-based appraisal of options for improving transport connections on and across the A92 corridor between Bridge of Don at the eastern extent of the former A90 trunk road at the junction with Ellon Road and Bridge of Dee (i.e. The Parkway and Anderson Drive).

The study also considers the B997 Scotstown Road/North Donside Road. A map of the study area is shown to the right.

The study is being funded by Transport Scotland's Bus Partnership Fund. It will place particular focus on how to improve bus operations, and conditions for people walking, wheeling and cycling, for journeys both along and across the A92.

This briefing paper has been prepared to set out the scope of the study, the approach that will be taken by the study team and how members of the public and stakeholders can get involved as the work moves forward.



Study Approach

A number of key tasks will be undertaken to progress the study including:

- Understanding how people currently use the A92 and connections to it, to develop the 'case for change' for furthering opportunity for sustainable travel.
- Identification of problems, issues, constraints and opportunities along and across the A92 corridor, noting how COVID-19 has affected the way people travel.
- Development of study objectives to reflect the identified problems, issues, constraints and opportunities.
- Development of options focussing on walking, wheeling and cycling, bus infrastructure, technology and junction reviews, amongst others.
- Appraisal of options in accordance with STAG to highlight the options that perform strongest against a range of criteria. This will recognise the priorities of current and emerging local, regional and national transport, economic, land-use, environmental and sustainability plans and programmes.

The study will take cognisance of the opening of the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route and the desire to 'lock in' local benefits, including opportunities for improving local connectivity, as identified in the Roads Hierarchy, agreed by ACC in 2019. Consideration will be given to options for how the A92 should function, given that it is no longer a strategic route.



Engagement

Engagement with stakeholders and communities in and around the A92 corridor will be a core part of the study.

Initial engagement activities will be focussed on identifying the key problems and opportunities on the corridor, whilst future engagement opportunities will allow participants to have their say on options that are developed as part of the work.

Cognisance will also be taken of previous and ongoing consultation activities on other projects and strategies which are relevant to the study.

The ability to deliver certain engagement events in the context of COVID-19 will be subject to continuous review, with virtual engagement undertaken where possible. Engagement activities will include:

- Written briefing to local Councillors; MPs and MSPs;
- Online Placecheck map to identify location-specific problems and opportunities on the corridor;
- Study tour with officers and key local stakeholders to identify key problems and opportunities first-hand;

- Virtual meetings and workshop sessions with key stakeholders (including bus operators, emergency services, active travel groups, equalities groups); and
- A StoryMap site and online survey to present and obtain feedback on options and support completion of the option appraisal.



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