

Introduction

Providing a new link from the A9 to the A96 was identified in the Scottish Government's Strategic Transport Projects Review (STPR) published in 2008.

In February 2012 proposals for a dual carriageway Trunk Road between Inshes and Smithton were presented at public exhibitions.

Following comments received after consultation in 2012, Transport Scotland has taken the opportunity to examine the wider context of the A9/A96 connection.

This ongoing work is looking at updated information on transport and land use issues to confirm the current and future key problems and opportunities in the study area.

The study is being undertaken in line with the principles of Scottish Transport Appraisal Guidance (STAG) looking at all modes of transport including walking, cycling and public transport. This ongoing appraisal will look at options which could potentially address identified problems and opportunities against a range of criteria.

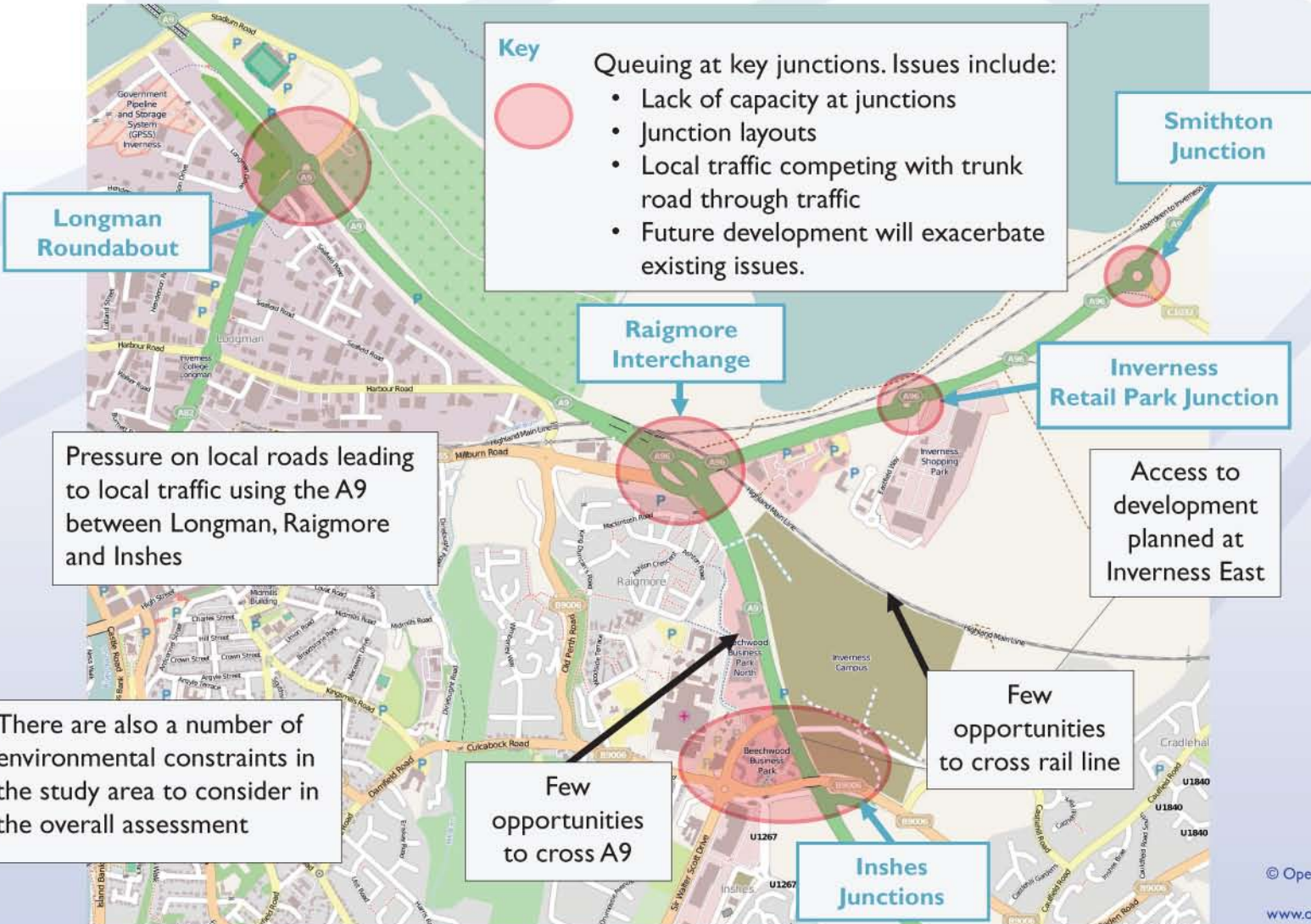


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Summary of constraints and problems



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What happens next?

Work is ongoing to develop and appraise further options in addition to those previously presented at public exhibitions in 2012 that could potentially address the problems and opportunities within the study area.

While not yet fully developed, the additional options are likely to include junction improvements, additional links across the A9 and bus priority on key routes.

We plan to present these options at an exhibition in Spring 2014 where we will be seeking feedback from the public.

Your feedback will be taken into account as part of the appraisal, before any decision is taken about which options will be progressed to the next stage of assessment.

We invite your feedback and comments on this exhibition using the relevant feedback form. Please leave in the comments box provided at the exhibition or email:

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You can also post to:
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For more information, including that presented in February 2012, please visit the Transport Scotland website: **www.transportscotland.gov.uk/A9A96Connections**



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