

Project 8 – Dalwhinnie to Crubenmore NMU Considerations

The key NMU routes in this area are:

- NCN7 (also a CNPA Core Path)
- Carn na Caim and A' Bhuidheanach Munro Track (accessed from lay-bys 87 and 88 south of Dalwhinnie)
- Track along the Dalwhinnie Aqueduct that runs under the A9
- Meall Chuaich Munro Track (accessed by lay-bys south of Cuaich settlement)

The NCN7/ CNPA Core Path and the existing at-grade crossings of the A9 in Project 8 will be affected by the proposed works

NCN7/CNPA Core path will continue to route through Project 8 (parallel to the northbound carriageway for a short duration before entering Dalwhinnie). However, a minor realignment of the route is proposed south of the existing A9/ Dalwhinnie (A889) junction.

At the construction procurement stage, NMU access during construction will be considered. It is likely that temporary diversions will be provided where required until the permanent works is complete.

Access to Hillwalking routes may be affected by removal and replacement of laybys

Consideration of the existing access to Munros within Project 8 has been a key part of the design development and the environmental mitigation process. Alternative arrangements proposed currently include:

- Closure of the northbound lay-by 87 and southbound lay-by 88 is proposed, to be replaced with a new southbound lay-by for continued access to the Carn na Caim and A' Bhuidheanach Munro Track. This would require a relatively short diversion via the Dalwhinnie grade separated junction for those travelling in a vehicle from the south.
- Both southbound and northbound lay-by south of Cuaich (91 and 92) are proposed to be replaced and improved for continued access to the Meall Chuaich Munro Track. Enhanced lay-by provision is currently being explored and a safe crossing of the A9 is proposed at Cuaich underpass.

Temporary closure of lay-bys may be required during construction. However, this will be further assessed prior to the construction procurement stage. This may include contractual requirements specifying some temporary lay-by provision.

Dalwhinnie bus stops are be affected

It is proposed that the existing bus stops at the at-grade A9/A889 junction are relocated closer to Dalwhinnie at the proposed grade separated junction. These will be connected with a new footway. During construction, provision for access to bus services will be maintained.

Access for NMU groups may be affected by proposed works to the Dalwhinnie Aqueduct

As part of the A9 Dualling works it is necessary to re-align the Dalwhinnie Aqueduct. The track that is currently used by NMUs will be reinstated. However, temporary closure of the track will be required during construction. Alternative temporary access provision is likely to be via Cuaich, utilising existing tracks.

Feedback

Transport Scotland welcomes your comments and feedback on these matters. Please provide any comments you may have as soon as possible, and by 20 January 2017. Feedback forms are available at the Drop In Event, and you can email us at: A9dualling@ch2m.com For further information and Project 8 (Dalwhinnie to Crubenmore) and to view the exhibition materials, please visit:

<http://www.transport.gov.scot/project/a9-dualling-perth-inverness>