

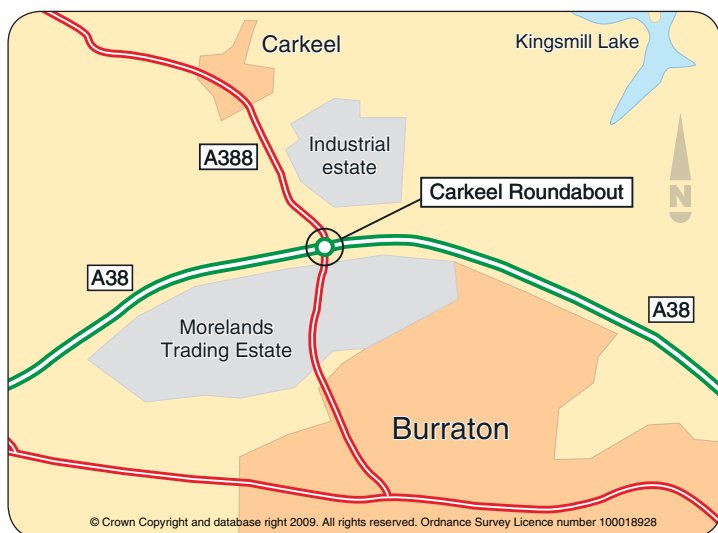
A38 Carkeel Roundabout Footbridge

Introduction

The Highways Agency is an Executive Agency within the Department for Transport and is responsible for maintaining, operating and improving England's Motorways and Trunk Roads.

Where

Carkeel Roundabout is located approximately 1km to the west of the Saltash Tunnel in Cornwall. It links the A38 trunk road with the A388 to Carkeel and the B3271 to Saltash and South Pill.



The residential area of Saltash is to the south of the roundabout and there are retail and commercial facilities, including a supermarket, to the north.

The need for the bridge

There is a need for pedestrians and cyclists to cross the A38 at this point, but there is currently only an uncontrolled crossing point in the vicinity of the roundabout.

A traffic light controlled pedestrian crossing would be inappropriate for safety reasons.

The Highways Agency is also aware of the increasing ethos of healthy travel, and the provision of a safe crossing would allow drivers to choose safe alternative modes of transport.

The proposed scheme

We are proposing to construct a footbridge to the east of the roundabout, over the A38 dual carriageway. The bridge would allow safe passage for pedestrians, cyclists and those with impaired mobility.

The options for the bridge include straight (figure 1) or curved (figure 2) designs. Typical examples of these are illustrated below,



Figure 1 - North view of proposed bridge design 1



Figure 1 - South view of proposed bridge design 1



Figure 2 - North view of proposed bridge design 2



Figure 2 - South view of proposed bridge design 2

however they are only artistic impressions, and the final design may vary from this.

As there is a substantial difference in height between ground level and the proposed footbridge, particularly on the south side, a ramp arrangement would be required. Stairs would also be provided.

The scheme would provide a new footway/cycleway on the eastern side of the B3271, Callington Road, and the existing footway on its west side would be removed.

The bridleway on the north side of the A38 would be improved along part of its length to provide an acceptable route for pedestrians, cyclists and those with impaired mobility, in addition to use by equestrians.

Have your say

We will be holding a Public Exhibition at Ashtorre Rock, Saltash on the 25 and 26 September 2009 to further explain the proposal, as detailed in this leaflet. Representatives from the Highways Agency will be on hand to answer your questions and listen to your comments.

There is also an online questionnaire which can be found on the A38 Carkeel Roundabout Footbridge home page, where you can let us know if you agree with the proposals, and if so which design you would prefer. All responses need to be sent by the 26 October 2009. We welcome your views.

Exhibition location and times

Ashtorre Rock, Waterside, Old Ferry Road, Saltash, Cornwall, PL12 4GT

Friday 25 September 8.00 am to 8.00 pm

Saturday 26 September 8.00 am to 4.00 pm

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