

# AS82 SOUTH RIBBLE ROAD WIDENING CONSULTATION

The A582 in South Ribble, one of the main routes into Preston, currently suffers from significant congestion at peak times of the day. We are now proposing to upgrade the full route to a dual carriageway, between Cuerden and Preston city centre. This also includes the section of Flensburg Way south to Longmeanygate.

You will already be aware of the ongoing improvements on the A582 to make sure the predicted increase in traffic doesn't cause gridlock on our roads.

By widening the A582 we can support planned new development, improve the main transport corridors and encourage economic growth across the Preston and South Ribble area.

This proposal will also complement the delivery of the Penwortham Bypass and the linking of the two Preston Western Distributor roads, with the construction of a new crossing of the River Ribble.



These improvements will increase its capacity for vehicles and also provide a 3m-wide shared use footway/cycleway along the entire length of the road, with links into existing cycle routes including those on Howick Moor Lane and Broad Oak Lane. Further improvements are also planned near Golden Way with a proposal to provide a shared use footway/cycleway for the entire length of Millbrook Way.











#### WHY WIDEN THE ROUTE?

Widening the A582 between Preston city centre and the motorway network will:

- Improve journey times and reduce congestion on (and on roads linking to) the A582, B5253 Flensburg Way, and Penwortham New Bridge linking Ringway and Preston city centre.
- Deliver significant off road cycle improvements along the route.
- Provide easier access to Cuerden from the west.
- Provide easier access to new housing developments at Pickerings Farm between Penwortham and Lostock Hall, and development sites to the north west of Leyland at Croston Road and Moss Side.
- Allow opportunities for bus priority measures and public realm enhancements.
- Improve the existing and provide additional cycling facilities along the route and surrounding area.
- Support the delivery of the proposed Penwortham Bypass.

A plan of the proposed route is opposite. The full consultation plan – which will be presented at the events – can be found online visit

www.lancashire.gov.uk and search for 'A582'.

Upgrading the A582 to a dual carriageway along its full length is one of the four major road schemes included in the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal.

#### WHAT IS THE CITY DEAL?

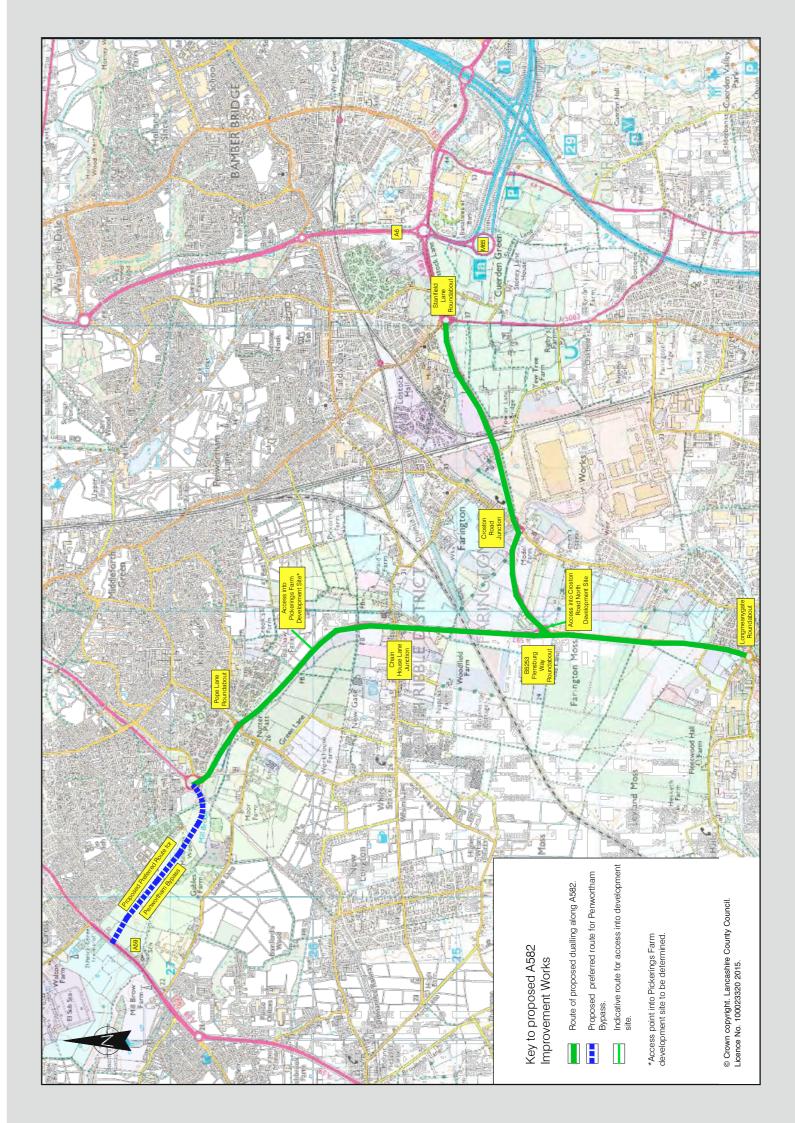
The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal sets out a detailed plan to support the creation of more than 20,000 new jobs - including 5,000 in the Lancashire Enterprise Zone, over 17,000 new homes and nearly £1billion in economic growth over the next 10 years.

With the funding certainty it brings, we are able to deliver these transport improvements sooner than we would otherwise be able to. This means new homes and jobs can be created and congestion on existing roads can be reduced, creating a better environment for local communities and road users.

To find out more about the City Deal visit www.lancashirelep.co.uk







# YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED...

### Q. Will this be my only chance to comment on the proposals?

Following the consultation, we will review your comments and then carry out further work to develop the designs in more detail to support a planning application which we will aim to submit early 2016. This will be a further opportunity to comment and share any views you have.

#### Q. What will you do to reduce the noise from the increased volume of traffic?

Before the planning application is made, a landscaping plan will be developed to mitigate the environmental impacts (including noise) of the scheme.

#### Q. When will the work be completed?

Before we can complete the work we will need to obtain planning permission and acquire the land needed. Work is scheduled to be completed by 2018/19.

#### Q. What happens next?

Once the consultation has finished, we will consider your comments and if appropriate make changes to our proposals. We will then work to protect the preferred route and a planning application will be submitted.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

It's important that we get your views on the plans we've presented during the consultation. If you know of anything that might restrict or improve our proposal please let us know by:

- Completing the enclosed questionnaire and posting it to us using this freepost address; A582 Road Widening Consultation, FREEPOST RTKE-BXCZ-BBZL, Lancashire County Council, PO BOX 100, County Hall, Preston, PR1 0LD.
- If you would prefer to complete the questionnaire online, please visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/haveyoursay select 'A582 Road Widening Consultation' and click on the link to take part.

During this time we will also be holding a series of public exhibition events in the area. Come along to find out more, share your views and speak to our officers involved in delivering the road scheme:

The consultation runs from Monday 2 February until Sunday 15 March 2015.

Monday 2 February 10am – 8pm (Exhibition Bus)

The Anchor Inn, Croston Road, Lostock Hall, Preston, PR5 5LA

Thursday 5 February 2pm - 8pm

St John's C of E, Leyland Lane, Leyland, PR25 1XB

Monday 9 February 11am - 7pm

St James Church Hall, Lostock Hall, PR5 5BQ

Wednesday 11 February 10am – 8pm

Penwortham Community Centre, Kingsfold Drive,

Penwortham, PR1 9EQ