

## Northern Corridor A26 Ballymoney To Coleraine

### Need for Scheme

The A26 is part of the Northern Key Transport Corridor and is the main road connecting the major hub towns of Coleraine, Ballymena and Antrim. The A26 between Ballymoney and Coleraine carries around 16,000 vehicles per day and is a mixture of local and strategic traffic. Two sections of this route are already dual carriageway and this scheme will dual the remainder of the A26 between Ballymoney and Coleraine.



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### The Proposed scheme

The proposal would complete seven kilometres of dual carriageway between the Portrush Road Roundabout at Ballymoney and the Windyhall Roundabout at Coleraine.

The scheme is in the early stages of development and no decisions have been reached on the alignment or dual carriageway standard. These issues will be considered in detail during the assessment process.

### Benefits

This new dual carriageway will reduce journey times, enhance safety and provide economic benefits for vehicle travellers on this key transport corridor.

### Progress

Assessment of this scheme has yet to commence. It is included in the Forward Planning Schedule contained in the Investment Delivery Plan for Roads (IDP). The IDP estimates that the scheme will be delivered within the period 2013 to 2018.