

## Eastern Seaboard Corridor AI Junctions Phase Two

### Need for Improvement

The AI Sprucefield to the Border road is part of the Eastern Seaboard Key Transport Corridor and it forms part of the main Belfast – Dublin Road. An extensive programme of improvement work is currently being undertaken on this important route.

This includes constructing the final piece of dualling, from Beech Hill to Cloghogue around Newry, and the provision of four 'flyover-type' junctions. These junctions are in addition to the three 'flyover-type' junctions that have been constructed in recent years, for example at Hillsborough Road, Dromore.

To further enhance safety on this road additional 'overpass/underpass' junctions and the provision of a continuous central safety barrier between Hillsborough and Loughbrickland are proposed.

### The Proposed scheme

The provision of additional 'overpass/underpass' junctions at the following four locations is currently under consideration; -

- Listullycurran Road, between Dromore and Hillsborough.
- Gowdystown Road, south of Dromore.



Hillsborough Road, Dromore

- Skeltons Road, between Dromore and Banbridge.
- Waringsford Road, north of Banbridge.

The provision of a continuous central safety barrier and the closing up of all gaps in the central reservation between Hillsborough and Loughbrickland is also proposed. Right turn manoeuvres at the remaining minor road junctions, which are located between improved junctions, will no longer be possible. These will be modified to operate as 'left in' and 'left out'.

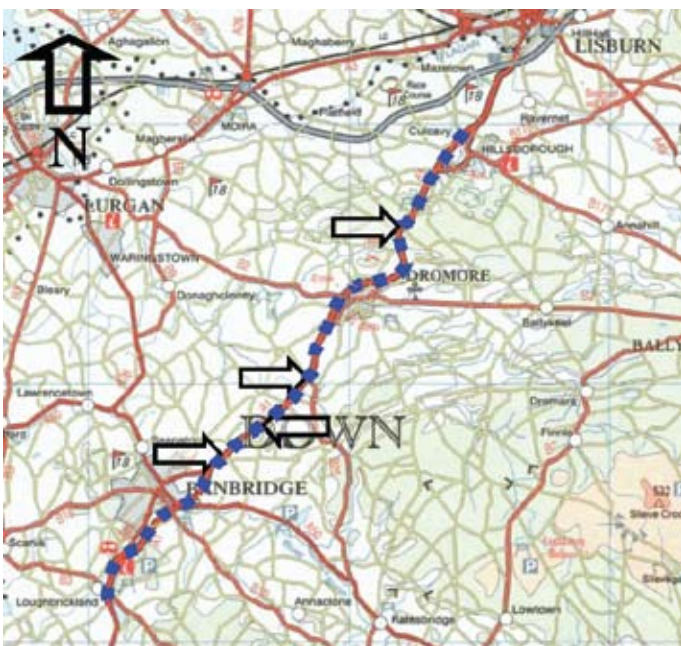
## Benefits

'Overpass/underpass' junctions provide a safer means of crossing a busy dual carriageway where the speed of passing traffic is high. At this type of junction motorists do not have to make right turning manoeuvres across the dual carriageway. All movements between the side road and the dual carriageway are 'left in' or 'left out' which will improve road safety.

## Progress

Work to develop this AI Junctions Phase Two proposal is at an early stage.

The AI Junctions Phase Two proposal is included in Roads Service's 10-Year Forward Planning Schedule which contains schemes that could be started within the next 10 years subject to satisfactory economic and other appraisals, availability of funding and satisfactory progression through the Statutory Procedures.



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Key: -

- ← Locations where 'overpass/underpass' junctions are under consideration
- ▬ Proposed continuous central safety barrier