## <u>Only five weeks left to share your</u> <u>views on route strategies with</u> <u>National Highways</u>

As the core of our national transport system, it's important that the future of our roads is prioritised.

This is why National Highways has developed an online tool to gather views from road users and those who live near to England's motorways and major A-roads, to help inform the long-term vision of our roads.

The online tool, which will close on 30th November 2021, forms part of the engagement process for developing Route Strategies, which is one of the elements used to inform the government's decisions on future road investment.

Over 700 individuals and organisations have already shared their views with National Highways. The online tool can be used to comment on a specific location or route on England's motorways or major A-roads, or wider issues, opportunities and general feedback about the road network.

Our roads are vital in enabling businesses to transport products and services, providing access to jobs and suppliers, and facilitating trade and investment across the country as well as providing essential links for leisure and connecting people and places.

Elliot Shaw, Executive Director, Strategy and Planning, said:

At National Highways we are constantly challenging ourselves to seek out ways to improve the experience of those who use our roads and the communities who live nearby.

The new easy-to-use online tool provides everyone from commuters, professional road users, nearby residents and community groups to comment.

I urge you to provide feedback on what is important to you – a specific location on England's motorways or major A-roads, a longer route or general feedback about our road network. This is your opportunity to help inform the long-term vision for the future of our roads.

Together with input from a wide range of other stakeholders, feedback will be used to inform recommendations and investment plans going forward for the Department for Transport's next Road Investment Strategies (RIS3 2025 – 2030).

The online tool is open for feedback until 30 November 2021.

See <u>Route Strategies – Planning for the future of our roads</u> to access the tool, and for further information.

## General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the National Highways customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

## Media enquiries

Journalists should contact the National Highways press office on 0844 693 1448 and use the menu to speak to the most appropriate press officer.