

## Roads and the environment: putting an innovative approach at the heart of RIS2 ~ call for evidence

Campaign for Better Transport is a leading charity and environmental campaign group that promotes sustainable transport policies. Our vision is a country where communities have affordable transport that improves quality of life and protects the environment.

Campaign for Better Transport has been commissioned by the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund to produce a report on the strategic road network and the environment.

### The project

The brief is to offer constructive proposals on how Highways England could best deliver on its environmental obligations to promote a sustainable road network with improved environmental outcomes, in particular through the disbursement of the £300M designated fund for the environment it holds as part of the Road Investment Strategy settlement.

We anticipate our work will build on existing work with other NGOs on the potential for improved environmental outcomes in RIS2; draw on examples of best practice from the UK and abroad; and complement the important work of the Highways England Design Panel and the advisory group on Highways England's Designated Funds to which we already contribute. It follows that we are particularly focused on the scope for environmentally-focused schemes, rather than the design of forthcoming capacity-focused projects, though both are clearly important.

### Call for evidence

We are particularly interested in evidence on:

- the damaging **impact on the environment** (habitats, landscape, noise) of the trunk road network (motorways and A roads) as it has developed to date, and the **scope for 'environmental retrofitting'** projects in the course of RIS2;
- your perspectives on the **RIS1 processes**, specifically the allocation of the **designated funds** on environment and air pollution, and the impact of the **design panel** and your recommendations for implementing **improved processes in RIS2**;
- **what 'good' would look like**, generally in road design, including examples of **international best practice** ;
- What **other processes/or and funding opportunities** exist or should be created in RIS2 to help deliver Highways England's environmental vision.

Evidence should be sent to [roadsproject@bettertransport.org.uk](mailto:roadsproject@bettertransport.org.uk) by **Friday 13 October 2017**, or can be submitted by [online questionnaire](#). We may contact respondents to discuss your submissions further.

This project reflects the mission of the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund to promote better and safer roads in terms of design, engineering and aesthetics and is aimed at helping shape the next Road Investment Strategy for the years 2021-2025.

## The project team

We are pleased to have the support of an expert steering group:

- Sue Percy (Chair), Chief Executive CIHT
- Steve Gooding, RAC Foundation (representing the Rees Jeffreys Road Fund)
- John Stewart, Vice Chair, Campaign for Better Transport
- Rachel Hackett, Living Landscapes Manager, The Wildlife Trusts

For more information about the project, please contact Bridget Fox or Andrew Allen at Campaign for Better Transport, or email the team [roadsproject@bettertransport.org.uk](mailto:roadsproject@bettertransport.org.uk).

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Campaign for Better Transport's vision is a country where communities have affordable transport that improves quality of life and protects the environment. Achieving our vision requires substantial changes to UK transport policy which we aim to achieve by providing well-researched, practical solutions that gain support from both decision-makers and the public.

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