



Rupert Furness

Deputy Director, Department for Transport

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Dear Rupert,

Status of MRN / LLM schemes

On 26 March 2026¹ the Department for Transport (DfT) confirmed that 16 Major Road Network / Large Local Major (MRN / LLM) projects were being progressed, subject to business case approval.

We compared these confirmed projects with the list of schemes under consideration in the Secretary of State's announcement on 8 July 2025², and found there were 26 projects whose future is now unclear.

We would be grateful if you could confirm the status of each of these schemes (listed below).

- A4174 MOD Roundabout Improvements
- A454 between Wolverhampton and East Park Gateway
- A509 Isham Bypass
- Blyth Relief Road
- Ely to Cambridge A10 Improvement
- Sheffield Innovation Corridor Road
- A31 Farnham Corridor
- A1079 Improvement Scheme, Wilberfoss
- A1139 University Access
- A1237 YORR dualling Phase 2 – Wetherby Rd to A19

¹ [MRN/LLM programme – confirmed schemes 2026](#), DfT, 26 March 2026

² [Green light for over 50 road and rail upgrades](#), DfT press release, 8 July 2025

- A127 Corridor for Growth – Route Improvements
- A17 Pullover Junction
- City Centre Road, Portsmouth
- M5 Junction 9 (OBC Development Costs only)
- West Quay Road Realignment, Southampton
- A614/ A6097 Corridor Scheme
- Warrington Western Link Road
- Shrewsbury North Western Relief Road
- A500 Dualling
- Kendal Northern Access Route
- A350 Melksham Bypass
- Chesterfield Staveley Regeneration Route
- Aylesbury Eastern Link
- Shipley Eastern Congestion Relief Road
- A13/ A126 East Facing Slip Roads (Thurrock)
- Rocket Junction (Liverpool)

It is important that DfT is clear and transparent with local highways authorities about the viability of their road projects, and with the public about the future prospects of these schemes. Therefore we would also like to know whether the DfT has informed the local authorities concerned that they will not be considered for DfT funding.

We would also like DfT to publish all grant approval letters where funding has been granted by DfT.

Many thanks for any assistance you can give.

Yours sincerely,

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