

## Consultation – Engagement Strategy

Consultation and engagement is an essential element in the development of any transport strategy. It ensures that the knowledge, ideas and experiences of people that live and work in a town, city or region are the basis for the development of policy and strategy that will meet their future needs. Consultation needs to be inclusive and assist in the identification and resolution of potential conflicts between the aspirations of different interest groups by including all views at an early stage. Continued engagement with stakeholders and affected groups ensures transparency in decision-making and allows them to feed into and influence the process, encouraging buy-in from stakeholders. On behalf of SEStran our consultant Stantec UK Ltd has developed a Consultation and Engagement Plan which will ensure all relevant groups are able to feed into the process and inform the development of the RTS.

This plan is available using the following link.

[Consultation and Engagement Plan](#)

## Consultation – initial consultation and engagement with stakeholders

An initial consultation and engagement with stakeholders and a public consultation exercise were undertaken as part of the Case for Change development in March/April/May 2021.

The findings of the consultation can be view in the [Initial Consultation and Engagement Report](#)

## Consultation - Case for Change Stage

Following production of the Case for Change there a short period of consultation on this and the associated Equalities and Strategic Environmental Impacts to allow feedback on the Case for Change and the associated Equalities Duties Report and SEA Report.

The links to the three documents are given below.

[SEStran RTS Case-for-Change-v3.3](#)

[SEStran RTS Case-for-Change Equalities Duties Report FINAL](#)

[SEStran RTS Case-for-Change SEA Environmental Report FINAL.pdf](#)

In addition, as part of the ongoing consultation, your views and comments on the Case for Change are welcome. The link below will take you to a very short survey and give you a chance to feedback on the work undertaken to date. The survey will close at **midnight on Monday 26 July**.

[Link to Case for Change Survey](#)

**Consultation – Formal consultation on Draft Regional Transport Strategy**

- Statutory Consultation on the Draft RTS will be for 12 weeks starting in September 2021. (Further details will be available nearer the time).