

# Businesses sign up to play a part in Highways England's A30 upgrade in Cornwall

Since extending an invite in January for small and medium-sized businesses to get involved in the nine-mile dualling scheme, a total of 65 companies have already registered their interest, with 60% of those from within the county of Cornwall.

Of the companies registered so far with contractors Costain, a large percentage are involved in civil engineering, building and civil works, security, facilities management and landscaping, together with other professional services such as business supply, hospitality catering, cleaning, environmental and waste management.

Josh Hodder, Senior Project Manager for the Highways England scheme, is delighted with the response so far and is encouraging even more businesses to get involved. He said:

The scheme has numerous benefits, not only in improving journey reliability, safety and local connectivity, but also in unlocking economic growth in Cornwall and the wider South West region.

Employing local people will also bring economic benefits during the construction phase of the project, and we will also be engaging with local schools and colleges to inspire, offer support and advice and to promote careers within the industry.

The scheme is not just limited to larger, national and international companies, we're encouraged by the response so far, and we're keen for more local and regional businesses to get the chance to work with the project. 2021 is going to be a big year for the A30 project and we urge businesses to get in touch now, so we can start to help them prepare.

Construction work on the A30 dualling scheme between the Chiverton and Carland Cross roundabouts ([visualisation here](#)) will start in earnest this summer

The company, responsible for England's major A roads and motorways, is working closely with Costain, who are currently forming their own supply chain, providing opportunities for sub-contractors and sub-consultants to bid for work and become part of the extended supply chain.

And working with the Department for Work and Pensions and The Prince's Trust,

Costain is also looking to employ 10 people through the local Kick Start programme and is aiming to recruit 45 apprentices to work in various capacities as part of the project team.

John Lee, Senior Project Manager for Costain, said:

One of the key benefits of the new A30 will be to unlock economic growth in the area. We want our project to start this growth immediately, by employing local people and developing them in sustainable jobs our local communities can benefit straight away.

Over the duration of the project, we will be engaging with young people, getting them thinking about a career in construction and if they're interested giving them opportunities to learn and achieve their ambitions.

The move has been warmly welcomed by Cherilyn Mackrory, MP for Truro and Falmouth, who said:

I am delighted to see Highways England's work on the A30 upgrade continue, with interest from companies across Cornwall in contributing towards this vital piece of infrastructure.

It is also good to see Costain working with the local Jobcentre and Prince's Trust by participating in the DWP's new Kickstart Scheme and providing invaluable practical on-the-job training via apprenticeships for local people.

This project will unlock economic growth and improve connectivity across Cornwall and I look forward to visiting again soon to see the progress.

Highways England has also partnered nationally with the [Supply Chain Sustainability School](#) to provide free online training. This helps smaller companies to upskill and places them in a better position to tender for work on larger infrastructure projects, such as the A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross scheme.

More details around job opportunities are available at <https://www.costain.com/careers/> and any companies interested in working on the A30 project are asked to register their details via email at [a30suppliereng@costain.com](mailto:a30suppliereng@costain.com).

Further information and updates will be available on the [A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross web page](#). Local residents and businesses can sign up for email notifications and there is a dedicated community relations team available to answer any questions. The team can be contacted by email via the web page.

If you'd prefer to speak to someone, then you can phone the project helpline

on 0845 600 2664 or Highways England on 0300 123 5000 and one of the team based on the A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross scheme will call you back as soon as possible.

The £330 million upgrade includes:

- a 70mph high-quality dual carriageway
- a two-level junction at Chiverton Cross and a new roundabout to ensure the free flow of traffic on the A30
- a new partial junction at Chybucca built on two levels with west-facing slip roads to provide access onto the dual carriageway from local routes
- new bridges at Tolgroggan Farm, Pennycomequick Lane and over the Allet to Tresawsen road to provide local access
- a two-level junction at Carland Cross with a new roundabout north of the dual carriageway and re-using the existing roundabout to the south
- keeping the existing A30 as a local route with new sections where necessary to provide continuity and connectivity for local communities

The scheme is progressing, and once ground investigation and clearance work is completed, construction work on the new link roads at the Chiverton Cross junction will start in the spring, with earthworks and construction of the new route scheduled to start in late spring, early summer.

The cost of developing the scheme is being partly funded by an £8 million contribution from the European Regional Development Fund, with an additional £12 million for the construction phase. The remainder of the cost of developing and delivering the scheme is being funded by central Government.

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