

# Blyth Relief Road Questionnaire

Response From SENRUG: Submitted online on 3rd March 2019  
at [https://form.northumberland.gov.uk/form/auto/blyth\\_relief\\_road](https://form.northumberland.gov.uk/form/auto/blyth_relief_road)

**Are you responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation? = Organisation**

**Organisation Name = SENRUG**

**Do you agree that Blyth would benefit from the creation of a new relief road? = Yes**

**After reviewing the proposed options do you agree with Northumberland County Council's conclusion that route 3 provides the most benefits? = Yes**

**Please use the space below to provide any further comments or observations**

Whilst SENRUG has no objection to Relief Road Proposed Route 3 itself, SENRUG objects to the associated North / South route because the southern section of this route is over the old rail alignment between the Ashington Blyth & Tyne freight route and the former Blyth station.

SENRUG believes this alignment should be protected from development so that once passenger train services are re-introduced on the core Ashington Blyth & Tyne freight route (The Northumberland Line), as a subsequent phase, the passenger train services can then also be re-introduced to Blyth Town Centre along this former alignment.

SENRUG can provide a map showing exactly what section of the proposed North / South route compromises the re-introduction of passenger services to Blyth Town Centre, if the consultation team provide an email address to which responses can be sent. It is from the proposed skewed bridge over the Ashington Blyth & Tyne freight route north-north-east for a distance of approx 675 metres to the point where the former rail alignments to Blyth Town Centre and the mineral line to Baites Staithes diverge.

SENRUG has no objection to the former rail alignment from this point northwards towards Malvins Close being built over.

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