

Petitioner submission of 30 March 2023

PE1657/LL: A77 upgrade

The three mostly affected councils have collaborated to produce a very telling piece of work. In the Economic Impact Assessment. I am not aware of anything being so in-depth into upgrading A77 and A75.

South Ayrshire Council, Dumfries & Galloway Council along with Mid-East Antrim Borough Council worked with Sweco. These papers were only published on 30th March 2023. I would like the Committee to be aware of this piece of work and the findings. By turning A77 and A75 into dual carriageway roads would also be the green thing to do and the right thing to do for the economy of the South West!

This is practically the opening of the whole piece of work *“Dualling the A75/A77 trunk roads linking Scotland and England with Northern Ireland would bring £5bn of "positive benefits" to the UK economy, according to a new report.*

Benefits range from reduced journey times and vehicle operating costs (£700 million) to combined CO2e (carbon dioxide equivalent) savings of around £95 million.”

These links are found on the Dumfries & Galloway Council website

<https://www.dumgal.gov.uk/A75-A77>

- [📄 Strategic and Economic Impacts Report \[PDF - 5.39MB\]](#)
- [📄 Strategic and Economic Impacts Report Appendices \[PDF - 7.43MB\]](#)
- [📄 Economic Activity and Location Impacts Report \[PDF - 5.24MB\]](#)

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