SOCIAL IMPACTS AND SOCIAL EQUITY ISSUES IN TRANSPORT SCANNING EXERCISE

WORKSHOP 4: RURAL CONNECTIVITY

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Research messages

1. Who/what is the countryside for?
2. Diversity of rurality, but...
3. Clearly disadvantaged vs. urban
4. Social connectivity a strength, but...
5. Transport poverty and digital exclusion
Policy recommendations

1. ‘Joined up’ localism
2. Resilient rural transport networks
3. Exploiting the digital economy:
   a) Telepresence
   b) Handling data
4. Socially inclusive appraisal
5. Sustainable rural form
Workshop papers

• Smith, N, Davis, A, & Hirsch, D. *Establishing a Rural Minimum Income Standard (Rural MIS): the Role of Transport*

• Velaga, N, Beecroft, M, Nelson, J, Corsar, D & Edwards, P. *Transport poverty meets the digital divide: accessibility and connectivity in rural communities*
Wider impacts

• ADDITIONAL FUNDING,
• PHD PROJECTS,
• NEW COLLABORATIONS, ETC.
Further Information

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