

**Newsletter from the Joint Working Party of members of TAAG and the Parish Council
GCC HIGHWAYS M5 JUNCTION 9 & A46 (ASHCHURCH) TRANSPORT SCHEME PROPOSAL**

In our last newsletter we mentioned Councillor Vernon Smith has invited us to produce a document which summarises the collective views of village residents regarding the design and nature of the proposed M5 J9/A46 scheme. He has offered to submit this to the Gloucestershire County Council team working on route design.

The paper is being produced by a joint working party of TAAG and members of the Parish Council (TAPC). The purpose is to highlight those factors we'd like to be taken into account to avoid deterioration in our rural environment and disruption of our local community. These are the headline factors we intend to include, grouped under two headings:

1. The location of the new road as this approaches the Teddington Hands roundabout.

- Proximity of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).
- The land to the west and north of Teddington as this meets with the A435 and B4077 roads respectively, is designated by Tewkesbury Borough Council as a "Special Landscape Area".
- The garage, local stores and public house at the Teddington Hands roundabout provide important local amenities for villagers and severance from them by a new road should be avoided.
- Adverse environmental impacts - air, noise, visual impairment and light pollution.
- Maintaining the integrity of storm drain works enacted following the 2007 flooding and avoiding site of major gas pipelines
- The Teddington Hands Sign Post and The Tibblestone, both Grade II listed historic monuments, should not be compromised.
- Proposing that the section of the existing A46 between Aston Cross and the Teddington Hands roundabout would be a suitable site for a junction(s) with any new road.

2. The road classification (the argument for a single carriageway Vs dualled carriageway or expressway)

- GCC have declared a climate emergency, plans need to deliver on carbon zero/carbon neutral targets.
- Western Gateway's draft strategic transport plan states a need for a shift away from private cars.
- The uncertainties in future travel patterns due to the ongoing pandemic.
- Conflicting objectives for a new Ashchurch Garden Town and enabling congestion-free through traffic.
- Credible alternative options to using this section of the A46 as part of a strategic route.
- The historical flaws in business case growth assumptions based on analyses produced by the CPRE.
- Existing DfT traffic volumes insufficient to justify a trebling of capacity with a dual carriageway option.

A draft version of the full report can be viewed at either www.taagroup.co.uk or www.teddington-and-alstone-parish-council.org.uk. Alternatively, please contact either Jan or Paul (see below) to receive a paper version.

This is your opportunity to give feedback on whether we have covered the key areas, provide any additional points or to say if you disagree. Please provide any comments by Friday 21st August, either in writing to jan.catbells@gmail.com or verbally to any of the TAPC/TAAG members listed below. You can also place comments in the Teddington Village Hall post box. (Your personal information will only be used for the purpose of this feedback and subject to Data Protection Regulations.)

After reflecting on feedback, a final version of the report will be formally agreed at an extraordinary TAPC meeting and sent to Cllr Vernon Smith. It will then be added to our websites and posted on the village notice boards.

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