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Subject: Highways England - A358 Taunton to Southfields Public Consultation

Good Afternoon,

Mott MacDonald are the engineering consultants appointed by Highways England for the A358 improvement proposals.

Collaboratively we are taking the scheme to public consultation, which began on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March.

It was suggested at a dignitary public consultation, that an email to send to your community about the public consultation would be useful.

Below I have included some wording explaining the A358 proposal and information about the public consultation events taking place.

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## **Highways England are consulting on proposals to upgrade the A358 between the M5 at Taunton and the A303 at Southfields.**

They want to hear your views on proposed A358 improvements and invite you to attend one of the public events taking place in April and May.

At the public events you will have the opportunity to view the proposal, talk to the project team and complete a questionnaire with your views.

If you are unable to attend one of the events, you can also view the scheme proposal and complete the questionnaire online - <https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/he/a358-taunton-to-southfields/>

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall, <u>Chestnut View</u> , Hatch Beauchamp, Taunton. TA3 6TH	10:00 - 18:00
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Taunton Racecourse, Orchard Portman, Taunton, TA3 7BL	10:00 - 18:00

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	Holiday Inn, Deane Gate Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2UA	12:00 - 20:00
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	Monks Yard, Horton Cross Farm, Horton Cross, Ilminster, TA19 9PT	12:00 - 20:00
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Holiday Inn, Deane Gate Avenue, Taunton, TA1 2UA	10:00 - 17:00

## **Introduction to A358 Improvements**

The existing A358 between Taunton and Southfields is a mix of dual and single carriageway. Where two lanes merge into one, these bottlenecks lead to delays and uncertain journey times.

The scheme objectives are to relieve congestion, support economic growth and improve safety on one of the busiest stretches of the A303/A358.

The Government's Road Investment Strategy: 2015/16 to 2019/20 sets out the intention to transform connectivity between London and the south east and the south west by improving the route from the M3 motorway to the M5 at Taunton.

To support this, we are developing three major road improvement schemes along the A303/A358 corridor:

- A358 Taunton to Southfields
- A303 Sparkford to Ilchester
- A303 Amesbury to Berwick Down

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If you have any further questions about the proposal, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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