



Teddington & Alstone Advisory Group

A46 EXPANSION - JUNE UPDATE

You may recall the flyer delivered in April to all Teddington and Alstone to gauge interest in forming a working party to help the Parish Council keep abreast of all the various projects, initiatives etc. connected with the A46. Well, as a result, eight volunteers have now come together and the purpose of this note is to provide everyone with a brief update on what is happening.

A first meeting of the working party was held on 21st May where we agreed our primary objective is to prevent any enhancement, expansion or redirection of the A46 which would have a negative impact on both our villages.

In reporting back to the Teddington & Alstone Parish Council meeting on 29th May, it was decided we will act as an independent advisory body rather than as a formal working party of the council. This allows a less bureaucratic and flexible approach in the way we operate. Our official title is "The Teddington & Alstone A46 Advisory Group" - or TAAG for short.

At the same Parish Council meeting, Councillor Vernon Smith provided an update on the A46 Partnership Group, which he currently chairs, advising that a presentation of results from studies commissioned last year were due to be made at their next meeting in mid-June by Midlands Connect (a government funded body). He asked us if we could provide him with a report outlining our views ahead of this meeting.

While recognising there has not yet been time to carry out any detailed assessment and, in any case, there are currently no actual proposals to comment on, we have produced an initial report setting out the background, probable route options and a list of various concerns. This has been shared with both Councillor Smith and the Teddington & Alstone Parish Council.

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We understand that details from the Midlands Connect report, as presented to the A46 Partnership Group, will be announced by Chris Grayling, Secretary of State for Transport, on 9th July. This will cover the entire length of the A46/M69 corridor from Tewkesbury to Coventry and should clarify development priorities.

The type and level of detail to be in the 9th July announcement are unknown. However, we have scheduled a meeting with Councillor Smith for the following week so we can be fully up to date on relevant local proposals, ready to participate further as needed.

We will continue to keep residents updated on progress in the coming weeks and months but, if in the meantime, you have any comments or questions please speak with one of the TAAG team, whose names are listed below.

The website address for the TAAG team, where the initial report can be viewed, is **www.taagroup.co.uk**. We will add appropriate future documents here in due course.

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