

## A46 Business case...

- Improve direct access from the South West to the North East promoting business and employment growth opportunities.
- Alleviate traffic chaos on the A46 and M5 J9, whilst continuing to promote a vibrant economy for Tewkesbury and the surrounding area.
- Consideration needs to be given to existing communities
  - Improved noise and air quality.
  - Reduction in congestion.
  - Improved road safety.
  - Opportunities to promote cycling and walking.
  - Impact of a new route.
  - Preservation of Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty and Special Landscape Area's.
- The importance of retaining the existing J9 to allow continued easy access to the M5 for
  - Industrial areas at Alexandra Way and Shannon Way.
  - The re-energised MOD base.
  - Garden Centre and Retail Park.
  - Enable continued promotion for a thriving Tewkesbury Town centre, both for local retail businesses and tourism.
  - Continued commuter access for existing and proposed housing.
- Favoured by many local communities the A46 route for a dual track trunk road from Teddington Hands to the new 4 way M5 junction 10
  - Hamburg roundabout to the west of existing roundabout at Teddington Hands
    - Retain access to local amenities.
    - Reduced noise, air and light pollution for Teddington.
  - Route across open farm land giving improved access for
    - Bishops Cleeve
    - Gloucestershire's premier events location Cheltenham Race course
    - Proposed Cyber Hub in Cheltenham
    - Integrating with the proposed development and road improvements to the West of Cheltenham.
    - Reduction in traffic on the A435 giving safer access for villages.
- Cost advantages
  - The route may be longer than some possible alternatives (3-4 miles) which could cost in the region £25 million extra to build, however it would not require to build another motorway roundabout making a saving of £250 Million.
  - Less disruption on the motorway due to not having to build a new motorway junction.