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Please see below an important update concerning the potential route options for the realigned A46 and M5 J9.

**A46 & M5 J9 Transport Scheme**

In our May newsletter we commented that we’d been told that a public consultation on the potential route options would not happen until after the General Election. As we hadn’t heard anything from Gloucestershire County Council (GCC), we raised a question at the last Full Council meeting on 11th September to find out what was going on.

In response to our question, we have established that GCC intend to hold a public engagement exercise from early October to gain feedback on the shortlisted route options, the results of which will feed into to a full public consultation. The full question and their response can be found on our website along with 3 other questions we asked (see Questions 9 - 12).

We don’t know why GCC have decided to run 2 events nor what the format of the engagement exercise will be but we should hear more soon. We will of course keep you informed.

**Cameron Thomas MP**

You will be aware that at the General Election in July, Laurence Robertson lost his seat representing Tewkesbury to Thomas Cameron (LibDem). We have thanked Mr Robertson for his interest in the M5 J9 and A46 Transport scheme and his support of TAAG and our efforts over the last 5 years. We have written to our new MP and invited him to meet with us at his earliest convenience, especially now that a public engagement exercise is imminent. We are awaiting a response.

**Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) - Community Liaison Group (CLG)**

This group’s meetings were put on hold when the General Election was called in May and unfortunately have not restarted yet. We have chased the Programme Coordinator to find out what is going on and when the meetings will recommence. We are particularly keen to get further information on the Transport meeting that was promised earlier this year. Once again, we will keep you informed.

And finally, we need to let you know that Paul Noke, who has been involved with TAAG since it’s set-up, has moved with his wife away from Teddington and is therefore no longer a member of TAAG. Paul made a significant contribution to TAAG; notably he was the person who penned our communications including these newsletters as well as helping with reading and analysing the myriad reports and documents we have found to help us be as well informed and prepared as possible.

This leaves TAAG with only 3 members now. We could really do with more help, particularly when it comes to the public consultation. We are assuming that there will be a significant number of documents, diagrams, maps and references that will be published to back-up the proposed routes, all of which will need to be read. Other tasks could include coordinating any village-wide participation and organising any village events necessary. If anyone is interested in being involved in any capacity or has specific skills we could utilise, there will be plenty of opportunity to help out. Please get in touch with a member of TAAG; contact details are below. Thank you.

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