



# TAAG NEWSLETTER #32

## October 2024

### The Consultation

The Route Options Consultation, for the changes to the A46 has been published by Gloucestershire County Council, 7th October 2024 and will run until the 2nd December 2024.

Full details can be found on the GCC website [M5 Junction 9 and A46 \(Ashchurch\) Transport Scheme Consultation](#) including the routes options, maps, consultation document, brochure etc.

### TAAG's Initial Thoughts

We are pleased to see that not all routes use the A435, however, Option A does. This loops the Teddington Hands pub then back onto the A435, then down to Seven Bends or Bozard Lane, where it becomes a dual carriageway.

Interesting to note that the cost is estimated £740m and £930m to construct. Original cost, when first muted by Western Gateway, were around, £200m. Costs have also not included the spend to date by GCC, estimated to be around £12m

### Events TAAG and GCC

GCC will be holding face to face engagement events where you can meet the project team, ask questions and provide feedback on the potential route options. Event details:

Watson Hall, 65 Barton Street, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 5PX

Saturday 19 October 2024 - Opens: 10:00hrs Closes: 17:00hrs

Northway Community Hub (Main Hall), Lee Walk, Northway, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire, GL20 8QG

Wednesday 23 October 2024 - Opens: 11:00hrs Closes: 16:00hrs

TAAG will be arranging our own a meeting at Teddington Village hall, date to be confirmed, to allow residents to get the full picture and hear our views on the plans. Vernon Smith, our County Councillor, has agreed to attend, along with other Councillors if possible. You will all have a chance to express your views, time permitting. However, if you prefer, you can email

us your thoughts to either of the emails below as well as completing the Consultation Document.

### **Cameron Thomas MP**

Cameron Thomas, our new LibDem MP, has taken up our offer of a meeting to discuss all aspects of the changes to the A46. In the meantime, he has confirmed that he has given GCC his support for their plans for a M5 Junction 9A A46 bypass.

### **Residents Support**

It is clear that will need as much input from the residents as possible in fighting any proposals that have a detrimental impact on local villages.

TAAG could really do with more help, particularly as we have reached the consultation stage. There are a significant number of documents that need to be reviewed and considered, and concerns shared. 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 or via our website.

If you think your neighbours would like to receive a copy of our Newsletters, then please direct them to our website, [taagroup.co.uk](http://taagroup.co.uk), where they can sign up.

**TAAG will be in touch shortly, with further information.**

