

# A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme Consultation questionnaire

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Highways England is consulting on proposals to upgrade the A358 between Taunton and Southfields. This improvement is needed to relieve congestion and improve the safety performance of one of the busiest stretches of the A303 /A358 route corridor that connects the south west to London and the south east. The improvement is also proposed to support opportunities for economic growth.

#### Have your say

If at all possible, please complete this questionnaire online at: <u>www.highways.gov.uk/taunton-to-southfields</u>

If you complete this questionnaire in paper format please return it in the prepaid envelope provided or post it to: **Freepost Consultation FPN 4016.** 

The following questions relate to the proposed scheme to improve the A358 between Taunton and Southfields to dual carriageway standard. We have prepared a public consultation brochure which sets out the scheme objectives and the route options being considered and details of how you can respond to the consultation. We recommend that you read the consultation brochure and supporting documents, or visit one of the consultation events, before completing this questionnaire. Consultation materials and details of the public information events can be viewed online at the above mentioned website or may be requested free of charge from Highways England by calling 0300 123 5000.

#### The closing date for responses is 20 May 2017.

Please provide us with your name and address, or, if you would prefer your comments to be anonymous, your postcode only. If you are you responding on behalf of a business or organisation please provide details of the organisation you represent.

We will be required to make consultation responses available to the Planning Inspectorate. We will, however, ensure that personal details are not placed on the public record. Personal details will be held securely in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and will be used solely in connection with the consultation process and the development of the project and, as noted above, will not be disclosed to any third parties.

Name:				
Address:				
Postcode:				
Email:	 	 	 <u>.</u>	<u> </u>

The information you provide will be kept in a secure environment only accessible by Highways England and the specific contractor(s) working with us on this project. Your personal information will not be shared with any other individuals or organisations, beyond the provisions set out in the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the Data Protection Act 1998 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The information you submit will only be used in support of the purpose specified in the survey. Personal details are collected only to ensure entries are not duplicated and in order to contact correspondents if necessary. All personal details will be deleted at the end of the survey analysis period.

## About the scheme

1. The objectives of this scheme are detailed in the consultation brochure. To what degree do you believe the scheme proposal has achieved the objectives?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Space for comments in support of your answer:				
2. The scheme aims to relieve congestion on the strategic road network (A358/A303 corridor). How, and to what extent, do you believe your regular journeys will be affected?				

3. A new roundabout motorway junction (Junction A) is proposed allowing all movements between the M5 and the new dual carriageway. To what extent do you agree with the proposed new junction at this location?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree
Space for comments	in support of your ar	nswer:		

4. A new junction which allows traffic to leave and join the new road using slip roads without hindering traffic remaining on the road, is proposed to connect to the existing A358 near West Hatch (Junction B). To what extent do you agree with the proposed junction and its location?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Space for comments in support of your answer:

5. A new junction which allows traffic to leave and join the new road (using slip roads without hindering traffic remaining on the road) is proposed at Park Barn Lane (Junction C) east of Ashill. To what extent do you agree with the proposed junction and its location?

Strongly agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly disagree

Space for comments in support of your answer:

6. Junction D is the existing Southfields Roundabout which will be upgraded to accommodate a new dual carriageway connection. Do you have any comments on the existing junction ?

7. Are there any further aspects of the scheme that you feel we should take into consideration?



## About the consultation

8. How did you find out about the A358 Taunton to Southfield scheme consultation?

Letter through the door	
Highways England website	
Local newspaper advert, article or website	
Somerset County Council website or email	
South Somerset District Council website or email	
Parish council website or email (please state which council)	
Local radio	
Local community group	
Other (please specify)	

### Your travel habits

9. What is your interest in the scheme? (tick all that apply)

I am a resident who lives along this section of the A358	
I own land along this section of the A358	
I farm land or work in agriculture located along this section of the A358	
I own or work for a business located along this section of the A358	

I commute along this section of the A358	
I mostly use this section of the A303 for tourism or leisure purposes	
Other (please specify)	

10. Please tell us how concerned you are about the following issues (tick all that apply):

	Very concerned	Concerned	Little concern	No concern	No opinion
Road safety					
Traffic congestion					
Economic growth					
Air pollution					
Connectivity and access for pedestrians, cyclists and other non- motorised users					

11. How do you normally travel on the route? (tick all that apply)

Car/van	
Motorbike	
Bus	
Agricultural vehicle	

HGV or LGV	
Bicycle	
Other (please specify)	

12. How often do you use this route?

Daily	
2-3 times a week	
Once a week	
2-3 times a month	
Once a month	
Less than once a month	

13. When do you use the route most? (tick all that apply)

Week day morning peak time (7.00am- 10.00am)	
Week day evening peak time (4:00pm – 7:00pm)	
Week day off peak	
Weekend	

#### 14. Please tell us the main purpose for travelling on the A358?

Work	Personal	Leisure	Agriculture	Other

## **Diversity questions**

To ensure that we are meeting our diversity guidelines please help us by filling in the following section of this questionnaire. You are not obliged to complete this; the information will only be used by Highways England to monitor its effectiveness at consulting with the whole community. This information will not be used for any other purpose, and in publishing the results, individuals will not be identified.

15. What is your age?



16. What is your gender?

Male	Female	Transgender	Prefer not to say

#### 17. How would you describe your national identity?

British	English	Irish	Scottish	Welsh		
Bangladeshi	Indiar	Indian Pa		African		
Caribbean	Chines	e	Japanese	Prefer not to say		
Other (please specify)						



### Thank you for completing this questionnaire.

Please return this questionnaire to any of our public consultation exhibitions or return it in the prepaid envelope provided or post it to: **Freepost Consultation FPN 4016** by 20 May 2017.

If you need help accessing this or any other Highways England information, please call **0300 123 5000** and we will help you.

