## <u>Press release: Further chance to have</u> <u>your say on A358 proposals in Somerset</u>

Following the close of the recent consultation, Highways England has analysed feedback, listened to comments made and has taken the decision to gain further public opinion on its proposals for the A358 between the M5 at Taunton and West Hatch Lane.

A supplementary six-week public consultation will be held in the autumn, and dates for the public exhibition events will be announced shortly.

Project manager David Stock said:

We have listened to all the feedback received from the initial consultation and we feel that more work is needed to find the best option for the section of the scheme between West Hatch and the M5.

Details of the proposals to be consulted on will be made available when we launch the consultation, and we again invite everybody to come along to the events and have their say.

The A358 is currently a mix of single and dual carriageway, carrying more vehicles than it was designed for, which leads to delays.

The plan is to improve the route to a dual carriageway as well as improved connectivity and access for local communities and vulnerable road users such as cyclists, equestrians and pedestrians.

## General enquiries

Members of the public should contact the Highways England customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000.

## Media enquiries

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