



**Transboundary screening undertaken by the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate) on behalf of the Secretary of State (SoS) for the purposes of Regulation 32 of The Infrastructure Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 (the 2017 EIA Regulations)**

<b>Project name:</b>	A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme
<b>Address/Location:</b>	Between the A303 near Ilminster and Junction 25 of the M5 at Taunton, Somerset
<b>Planning Inspectorate Ref:</b>	TR010061

**TRANSBOUNDARY SCREENING**

<b>Document(s) used for transboundary screening:</b>	A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme - Environmental Impact Assessment Scoping Report ('the Scoping Report')
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The Inspectorate on behalf of the SoS has considered the Proposed Development, which comprises 13.6 kilometres of new, rural all-purpose dual carriageway along the A358 which would connect the existing A303 at Southfields Roundabout near Ilminster with Junction 25 of the M5 at Taunton.

The Inspectorate concludes that the Proposed Development **is unlikely to have a significant effect either alone or cumulatively on the environment in a European Economic Area State**. In reaching this conclusion the Inspectorate has identified and considered the Proposed Development's likely impacts including consideration of potential pathways and the extent, magnitude, probability, duration, frequency and reversibility of the impacts.

The Inspectorate considers that the likelihood of transboundary effects resulting from the Proposed Development is so low that it does not warrant the issue of a detailed transboundary screening. However, this position will remain under review and will have regard to any new or materially different information coming to light which may alter that decision.

**Action:** No further action required at this stage.

**Date:** 28 May 2021

**Note:** The SoS' duty under Regulation 32 of the 2017 EIA Regulations continues throughout the application process.

**Note:**

The Inspectorate's screening of transboundary issues is based on the relevant considerations specified in the Annex to its Advice Note Twelve, available on our website at <http://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/legislation-and-advice/advice-notes/>