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Dear Ms Guest,

**A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme  
Planning Act 2008 section 46: duty to notify Secretary of State of proposed  
application**

I am hereby notifying you under section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 that National Highways (formerly known as Highways England)<sup>1</sup> intends to apply under section 37 of the Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (the 2008 Act) for a Development Consent Order (DCO) for the A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme.

The proposed A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme involves upgrading an approximately 8.5 mile (13.6km) section of the A358 between Southfields roundabout on the A303 and the M5 at Taunton, to a high-quality dual carriageway. Once upgraded, the route will reduce congestion, particularly at peak times, enhance user safety and improve connectivity both locally and to the wider South West region. This will benefit the local and regional economy and ensure communities are better connected.

**Consultation information**

National Highways will be undertaking statutory pre-application consultation under section 42 of the 2008 Act between 12 October 2021 and 22 November 2021.

Please find enclosed a USB memory stick which contains the information being supplied to consultees as part of this consultation.

The content of the enclosed USB memory stick is:

- covering letters sent to consultees under section 42 of the 2008 Act as follows:

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<sup>1</sup> As of 20 August 2021, we are now National Highways, having previously been Highways England. The name change reflects the role of the strategic road network – to connect the nation's regions – and the part it plays in setting highways standards across the UK. The remit of the organisation has not changed, and we will continue to operate and maintain England's motorways and major A roads.

- letter sent to consultees prescribed in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009
- letter sent to host parish councils in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009
- letter sent to neighbouring parish councils in Schedule 1 of the Infrastructure Planning (Applications: Prescribed Forms and Procedures) Regulations 2009
- letter sent to host local authorities as defined in section 43 of the 2008 Act
- letter sent to neighbouring local authorities as defined in section 43 of the 2008 Act
- letter sent to category 1 and 2 land interests as defined in section 44 of the 2008 Act
- letter sent to category 3 land interests as defined in section 44 of the 2008 Act
- letter sent to non-statutory consultees
  - Section 48 Notice
  - consultation booklet
  - public consultation feedback questionnaire
  - Preliminary Environmental Information (PEI) Report, accompanied by a Non-Technical Summary
  - consultation plans

## Consultation arrangements

Consultation materials will be available to consultees at a series of face-to-face public consultation events, a virtual consultation room, at deposit locations and online at [REDACTED]

Copies of the consultation materials may be requested by consultees in hard copy or on a USB memory stick during the consultation period from National Highways using the project email address, dedicated freepost address or telephone number.

Consultation documents – including documents, plans and maps showing the nature and location of the proposed development and the PEI Report – will be available for inspection free of charge from **Tuesday 12 October to Monday 22 November 2021** at the following locations and times:

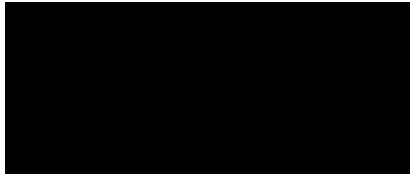
Locations with consultation documents		
Location	Address	Opening times
Taunton	Somerset West and Taunton Council, Deane House, Belvedere Road, Taunton, Somerset TA1 1HE	08:30 –17:00 Monday to Friday.
Ilminster	Ilminster Library, Ditton Street, Ilminster TA19 0BW	09:30 –12:00 Monday, Wednesday and Saturday.

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Further details of the consultation arrangements can be found on the website and in the enclosed Section 48 Notice.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me using the details provided below. Please acknowledge that this notice has been received as a record of compliance.

Yours sincerely,



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- USB memory stick