

M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme

Consultation Report

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Appendix S. Parties contacted as part of the Targeted Consultation on Bus Lane


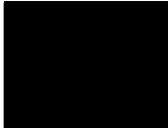






SN	Type of Consultee	Name of Organisation/ Landowner/ Local Resident or Business address	Layout plan showing proposed change
PC1	Prescribed consultees	Bloor Homes	Yes
PC2	Prescribed consultees	Cheltenham Borough Council	Yes
PC3	Prescribed consultees	Cheltenham Borough Council (developer West Cheltenham)	Yes
PC4	Prescribed consultees	Environment Agency	Yes
PC5	Prescribed consultees	Gloucestershire Constabulary	Yes
PC6	Prescribed consultees	Gloucestershire County Council	Yes
PC7	Prescribed consultees	Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service	Yes
PC8	Prescribed consultees	Historic England	Yes
PC9	Prescribed consultees	Midlands Land Portfolio	Yes
PC10	Prescribed consultees	National Highways	Yes
PC11	Prescribed consultees	Natural England	Yes
PC12	Prescribed consultees	Persimmon Homes	Yes
PC13	Prescribed consultees	Robert Hitchens	Yes
PC14	Prescribed consultees	St. Modwen	Yes
PC15	Prescribed consultees	Tewkesbury Borough Council	Yes
PC16	Prescribed consultees	The Disabled Persons Transport Advisory Committee	Yes
PC17	Prescribed consultees	Uckington Parish Council	Yes
PC18	Prescribed consultees	Swindon Village Parish Council	Yes

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NPC1	Non statutory consultees	Cheltenham & Tewkesbury Cycling Campaign	Yes
NPC2	Non statutory consultees	Stagecoach West	Yes
NPC3	Non statutory consultees	South Western Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	Yes
NPC4	Non statutory consultees	Gfirst LEP	Yes
NPC5	Non statutory consultees	Cheltenham Accessibility Forum	Yes
NPC6	Non statutory consultees	Cheltenham Alliance for Race Equity	Yes
PwIL 1	PwIL	[REDACTED]	Yes
PwIL 2	PwIL		Yes
LR1	Non statutory consultees		Yes
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LR14	Non statutory consultees		Yes
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LR35	Non statutory consultees		Yes

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LR36	Non statutory consultees		Yes
LR37	Non statutory consultees		Yes
LR38	Non statutory consultees		Yes

S.1. Targeted Consultation Letter

 <h1>Highways</h1> <p>Highways Commissioning Block 5, 6th Floor East Shire Hall Gloucester GL1 2TH 25 May 2023</p>  <hr/> <p><u>M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme: Targeted Consultation on Proposed Bus Lane Planning Act 2008</u></p> <p>Dear </p> <p>We are writing to you with regards to our M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme and to invite you to respond to our targeted consultation on a bus lane, which is a proposed design change to the Scheme.</p> <p>The targeted consultation period will last 30 days, from 00:01hrs on Monday 29 May 2023 until 23:59hrs on Tuesday 27 June 2023. This targeted consultation will be for relevant prescribed consultees. Persons with an Interest in Land, directly impacted residents and key stakeholders. We have identified you as belonging to one of these groups.</p> <p>Consultation to date</p> <p>The M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme is categorised as a Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project under the Planning Act 2008. As such, Gloucestershire County Council is required to make an application for a Development Consent Order (DCO) to obtain development consent from the Secretary of State to construct the Scheme.</p> <p>We have undertaken four rounds of consultation on the proposed Scheme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• We undertook a non-statutory public consultation between 14 October 2020 and 25 November 2020.• In accordance with the Planning Act 2008, we undertook a statutory consultation on the proposed Scheme between 8 December 2021 and 15 February 2022.• Following our statutory consultation, we undertook an additional targeted consultation on proposed changes to our Scheme design between 8 August 2022 and 5 September 2022.• We undertook a period of further targeted consultation on subsequent proposed changes to our Scheme design between 18 January 2023 and 16 February 2023.  <p>investing in Gloucestershire's roads</p>  <p>www.gloucestershire.gov.uk</p>	 <h1>Highways</h1> <p>The feedback provided during these four rounds of consultation has been considered in detail by our project team. It has helped to inform the proposed change to the current design and will continue to inform the development and delivery of the Scheme.</p> <p>Context</p> <p>Local planning policy supports the inclusion of a bus lane in the Scheme. The proposed design change supports Gloucestershire County Council's wider strategic aims in improving public transport provision, as outlined in the Local Transport Plan 2020-2041 and the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP).</p> <p>The proposed design change aims to provide an enhancement to local public transport provision and infrastructure, and further reduce the impact of the Scheme on the environment and the local community.</p> <p>In addition to supporting local transport and planning policy, our proposal for the bus lane is intended to complement the proposals set out in the Elms Park Planning Application, which includes further measures for buses travelling into Cheltenham. The Elms Park development is a live planning application which currently proposes improvements to the A4019 between Cheltenham West Community Fire and Rescue Station near Homecroft Drive and Gallagher Retail Park, including delivery of a park and ride scheme.</p> <p>To view the live planning application submitted by the Elms Park developer and for further details please visit Tewkesbury Borough Council's website: https://www.tewkesbury.gov.uk/elms-park-development/</p> <p>Description of proposed bus lane</p> <p>Previously our design included a widened verge so a bus lane could be provided in the future. Following feedback from stakeholders and as per above, we now propose to include a bus lane on the A4019 eastbound carriageway from Cheltenham West Community Fire and Rescue Station to Gallagher Junction.</p> <p>The proposed bus lane would be 4.0m wide and run for a total length of approximately 675m, including three proposed signalised bus gates where it passes by the North West Cheltenham (Elms Park) Allocated Site and Gallagher junction. There would also be one eastbound bus stop sited within the bus lane, located to serve demand at the Homecroft Drive area and future Elms Park development. The provision of the bus lane would not result in the need to acquire any more land for the Scheme. A plan illustrating the proposed change is enclosed with this letter.</p> <p>Impact of the proposed bus lane</p> <p>The proposed bus lane would mean no change to the delivery of the Scheme, with no impact on construction programme or Scheme costs.</p> <p>The proposed bus lane would not significantly impact the traffic flow or queue length between east of M5 Junction 10 and Kingsditch Roundabout.</p>  <p>investing in Gloucestershire's roads</p>  <p>www.gloucestershire.gov.uk</p>
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The proposed bus lane would not be expected to have an adverse impact on the overall safety of the highway network. The bus lane has been designed with the minimum preferred width of 4.0m as recommended in LTN 1/20. This width allows sufficient space for buses to overtake cyclists and reduce the likelihood of conflicts between cyclists and general traffic in the adjacent lane.

The introduction of the bus lane would have no significant impact on the following environmental indicators: air quality, biodiversity, climate (including both the effects of the Scheme on climate, and the vulnerability of the Scheme to climate effects), cultural heritage, geology and soils, landscape and visual impact, materials and waste, noise and vibration, population and human health and water quality.

The potential impacts of the proposed Scheme change are summarised in the table below.

Potential impacts of the proposed bus lane

Indicators	Potential impact
Accessibility	<p>Enhancements to bus travel would positively contribute to the significant operational accessibility benefits reported in the population assessment for residents of Uckington, properties alongside the A4019 and the incoming residents of the local businesses.</p> <p>Emergency service vehicles would be able to use the bus lane, which would contribute further to the significant beneficial accessibility improvement for emergency services, such as Cheltenham West Community Fire and Rescue Station.</p>
Journey time	<p>The ability of bus services to use a dedicated bus lane along the eastbound A4019 carriageway would offer modal priority for bus passengers and would likely deliver increased journey time certainty.</p> <p>In the latest traffic modelling forecast for the design year of 2042, the introduction of the bus lane would lead to some changes in the journey times between east of M5 Junction 10 and Kingsditch Roundabout (approximately 3km).</p> <p>In the morning peak hour (08:00-09:00), eastbound journeys would increase by around 40 seconds (from an overall journey time around 8.5 minutes without the bus lane) and westbound journeys would increase by around 50 seconds (from an overall journey time of about 7 minutes without the bus lane).</p> <p>In the evening peak hour (17:00-18:00) eastbound journeys would increase by around 10 seconds (from an overall journey time about 7.5 minutes without the bus lane) but there would be no increase in journey times westbound.</p>




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How to have your say

You can provide feedback on any aspect of the proposed design change by emailing M5Junction10@atkinsglobal.com or by writing to us at Freepost M5 JUNCTION 10.

The targeted consultation will run from 00:01hrs on Monday 29 May 2023 until 23:59hrs on Tuesday 27 June 2023.

Next steps

We will take time to analyse and consider your feedback when making any further refinements to our proposed design and to develop our planned mitigation measures. We will record and carefully consider all responses received during the targeted consultation and consider these when finalising our application and before we submit it to the Planning Inspectorate (the Inspectorate).

We will summarise our findings in the DCO Consultation Report. This will include a description of how our application was informed by the responses received and outline any changes made as a result of consultation.

The report will form part of our DCO application to the PINS that is planned for summer 2023.

It will also be made available on the Scheme webpage at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10. PINS will decide whether the application meets the required standards to proceed to examination and will determine whether our consultation has been adequate.

Information session

To keep the local community informed of the current Scheme proposals, we are holding an information session. This is an opportunity for you to view updated plans and talk to members of the project team about the latest Scheme proposals, as well as for the project team to provide an update on the planning process of the Scheme.

The session will be on **Wednesday 7 June 2023 between 11am and 7pm at Cheltenham West Community Fire and Rescue Station** (Tewkesbury Road, Cheltenham GL51 9SN). This is a drop-in session, so there is no need to reserve a slot in advance to attend this session. Please note there is limited parking available, so we encourage attendees to walk to the information session. If you have specific accessibility needs, please get in touch by emailing M5Junction10@atkinsglobal.com.

Further information

Please visit our website for further information regarding the Scheme: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10

If you have any further queries about this letter, please contact us by:

- Email: M5Junction10@atkinsglobal.com
- Telephone: 01454 667900

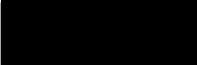




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We look forward to receiving your response to this targeted consultation on the proposed changes to the Scheme design.

Yours faithfully,


Kathryn Haworth
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Gloucestershire County Council

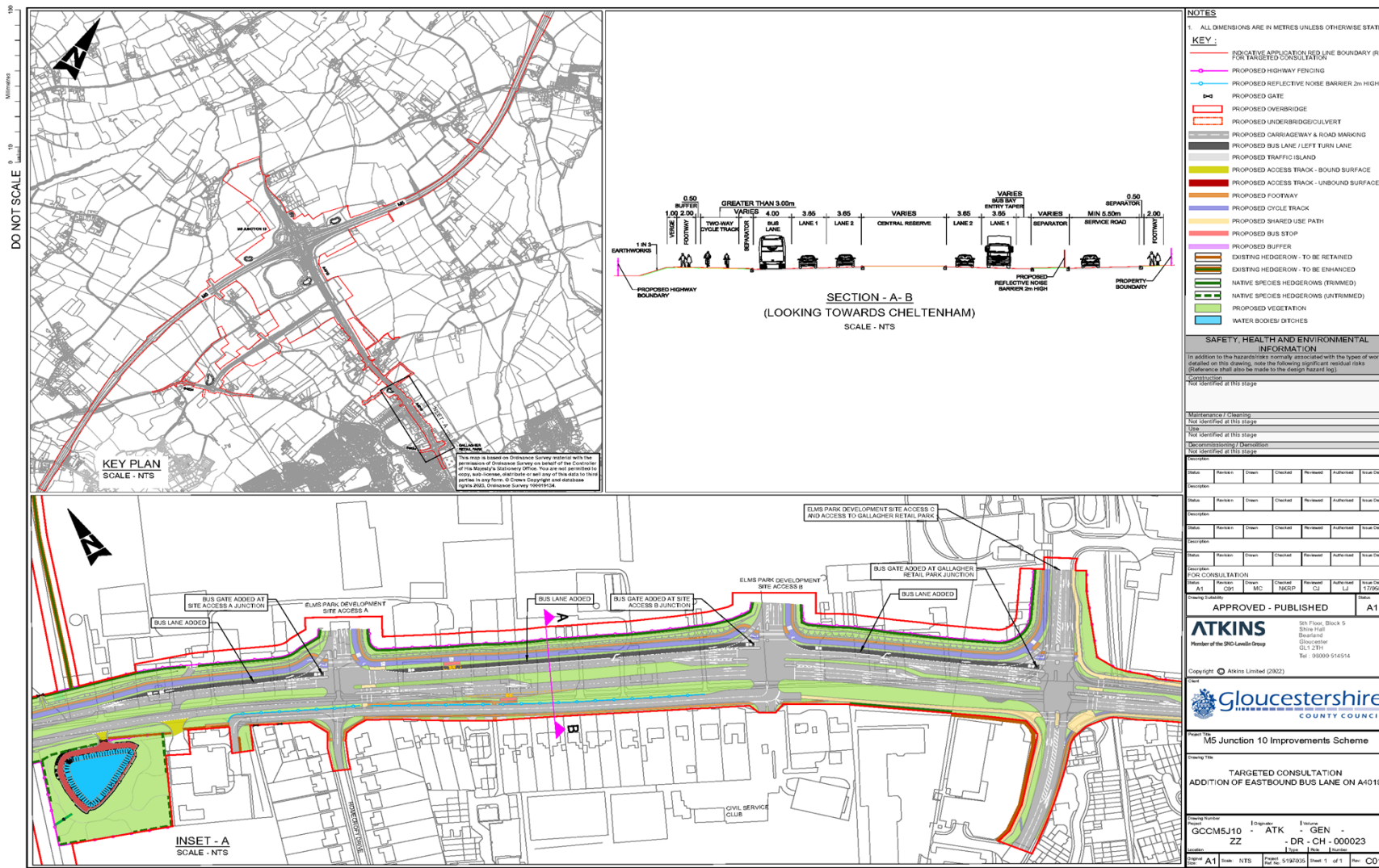
Enclosures:

Proposed change drawing	Description of the proposed change
GCCMSJ10-ATK-GEN-ZZ-DR-CH-000023_C01.pdf	Proposed bus lane on the A4019 eastbound carriageway from Cheltenham West Community Fire and Rescue Station to Gallagher Junction.



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S.2. Targeted Consultation Drawing



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