

A303 Improvements

Briefing Note for Area Board Members

As you are aware the Department for Transport has commissioned a feasibility study to improve A303/A30/A358 between Amesbury, Honiton and Taunton. Wiltshire Council is a member of the Stakeholders Reference Group for the study and I write to inform you of the outcome of the Stage 2 of the study, based on the presentation to the Group by DfT on 28th August 2014.

Stage 1 of the study completed earlier in the year identified five single carriageway sections of the route for further investigation:

Amesbury to Berwick Down
Chicklade Bottom to Mere
Sparkford to Ilchester
South Petherton to Southfields
Southfields to Honiton.

Stage 2 looked at options to improve these sections and will take the following proposals into final stage for prioritising schemes:

Amesbury to Berwick Down options:

- part online/part offline dual carriageway and tunnel or offline dual carriageway to the north

Chicklade Bottom to Mere:

- online and offline widening to dual carriageway

Sparkford to Ilchester:

- Online and offline widening to dual carriageway

South Petherton to Southfields:

- Online widening to dual carriageway

Southfields to Honiton and/or Taunton options:

- online and offline widening and improvements

Going forward, the final stage of the study is programmed to be completed by October 2014, with an announcement by government of shortlist of schemes expected before end of the year.

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