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## **Melksham bypass consultation extended into the new year**

Wiltshire Council has decided to extend the survey on the proposed A350 Melksham bypass, and the 18 different route options that are being considered.

The consultation was originally scheduled to end on 30 November, but in order to allow more people to have their say, it has now been extended to Sunday 17 January 2021.

Cllr Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Highways, said: “We’ve had a good response to this initial Melksham bypass consultation at this early stage for the project.

“However, given that we’re unable to hold face-to-face consultation events or display the plans in a public place, and we won’t be able to for the foreseeable future, we have decided to extend the online consultation until the middle of January to give as many people as possible the chance to have their say.

“At this stage, we want people’s views on the early progress of the scheme, so I’d urge anyone with an interest in the proposed Melksham bypass to complete the survey on our website.”

The council is exploring options to improve the A350, including the potential case for a new bypass to take the road around Melksham. There are 18 route options in total at this early stage, and all of them are indicative – they do not show the exact route that any road may take.

If and when a preferred option is decided upon, the specifics of the route would be subject to full statutory consultation later in 2021.

People can find out more, including FAQs and the survey here: [www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-a350-melksham-bypass](http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/highways-a350-melksham-bypass). The survey will now run until 23:59 on Sunday 17 January 2021.

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