



# TAAG NEWSLETTER #30 - May 2024

Please see below an important update following recent media coverage.

## **M5 J9 and A46 Transport Scheme**

Some of you may be aware of a news segment that aired on BBC Radio Gloucestershire on 16<sup>th</sup> May. This followed a Gloucestershire County Council (GCC) news release on 8<sup>th</sup> May and approval for an additional £3m of funding to continue their development of a business case for a new A46 bypass. We were contacted by the BBC a few days ago for an interview, and a very brief comment by Jan was included in the radio segment.

More details as to the proposal can be found on the reports tab on our website. The additional funding was approved, by Cabinet, without debate or question.

The additional detail published on the BBC website provides a little more nuance on TAAG's position.

Comments made in the radio piece explicitly reference a new M5 junction 9A and the Teddington Hands roundabout being in the mix, neither a surprise. Interestingly, Cllr David Gray also said that **three** potential routes will be included in the public consultation, which we've been advised will not now be until after a General Election.

There has also been a significant change in the timeline for handover of the project to National Highways. This is now expected to be Spring 2027 rather than late 2025, subject to business case approval.

It's good to see the media involved now and to consider how they might help get our messages across once we finally do get to a public consultation.

## **Tewkesbury Garden Town (TGT) - Community Liaison Group (CLG)**

In December, we mentioned a relaunch of the TGT programme and that TAAG have joined one of the five Liaison groups, the CLG. A charter of design principles has been developed for the programme as a whole, for which sign-off is now sought. We have deferred to the Teddington & Alstone Parish Council (TAPC) to make a decision on this. This charter may have some weight if there is widespread buy-in, but it's important to note that it will have no legal basis (i.e. developers can choose to ignore). A transport workshop has been proposed, we await a date for this.

## **Newsletters**

Following on from recent news coverage, TAAG has picked up many new subscribers. Details of how to subscribe to future e-newsletters and updates, can be found on our website

## **Related Links**

Articles, recordings etc. can be found on our website and include the BBC and Gloucestershire County Council.

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