

Committee: Full Council

Date: 16 November 2021

Title: Town council consultation on the A358 proposals

Purpose of Report

For members to consider the finalised response to the A358 Consultation.

Recommendation:

Members **RESOLVE** that Officers be delegated authority to formulate a response from council and submit it on behalf of Ilminster Town Council.

Report:

1. At the Full council Meeting on the 2 November, in addition to the report that was provided to them, members considered information that had been provided by the Local Parishes group that have been looking very closely at the proposed plans by National Highways into the improvements to the A358.
2. Specifically they heard from one of the members of the Parishes group Mr Peter Gregory about the inadequacies of the current plan. The issues that were especially pertinent to Ilminster Town Council's residents surrounded the slip roads being proposed for the Southfield Roundabout. These were considered by the Parishes group to be inadequate and poorly thought through.
3. Concerns were also raised regarding the ability of residents to be able to join the redesigned A358 link road. It was pointed out that in some cases vehicles would have no option but to use alternative routes to get into Ilminster that were inadequate for the envisaged increased traffic flows.
4. It was agreed that members would be given sight of the completed Parishes response so that their own response could take the Parishes finished submission into account.
5. Members were very appreciative of the work already done by the group and acknowledged the detailed examination that had taken place.

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6. Any proposed responses will be noted on the night. It will assist officers however if members have any written detailed responses, that they send them to the office so that we can ensure that they are accurately reported.
7. It is proposed Members **RESOLVE** that Officers be delegated authority to formulate a response from council and submit it on behalf of Ilminster Town Council. The response will be based upon the finalised response of the Parishes A358 group.
8. Members are free to choose their own resolutions should they so choose.

Mark Tredwin
Town Clerk
4 November 2021