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Consultation over M5 Junction 9

Plans have been unveiled for a new M5 Junction 9a near Tewkesbury and a re-routing of the existing A46 around Ashchurch to Teddington Hands roundabout. The proposal aims to divert long distance traffic, including heavy goods vehicles, away from the current A46. It thereby hopes to reduce traffic through Ashchurch, while reducing queuing back to the M5 from the Junction 9 roundabout, which is currently a safety concern.

Public engagement on the scheme began on 7 October and will continue until 2 December. This marks the first stage of public engagement, with a preferred route option to be identified following future public consultations.

The Parish Council is extremely concerned that Option B will encourage rat-running through the Bredon Hill villages, and therefore favours Option A. Options 2 and 3 are also preferred, as Option 1 will mean traffic travelling north would still use Bredon as a rat-run.

It's really important that you share your views via the online survey <https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J9>, particularly if you live, work or travel close to the scheme. Your feedback will be used to inform future options refinement and shortlisting.

Public engagement documentation in hard copy or accessible formats can be requested by emailing M5Junction9@atkinsrealis.com or by calling 01454 667490 and leaving a message.

Warm Welcome Dates for November

Warm Welcome events are as follows, in Bredon Village Hall:-

- **Thursday 7th November 12 - 2pm** (Bredon Chip Shop)
- **Thursday 21st November 10:30 - 12pm**

Everyone welcome to join for pleasant company. Transport is available.

New Safer Neighbourhood Team

We have 2 new local Safer Neighbourhood Officers, PC Alex Prentice and PC Ben Trowman. PC Prentice and PC Trowman bring with them a wealth of experience including 38 years of policing between them both which covers response policing, rural policing, and Neighbourhood policing.

If you need to contact either PC Prentice or PC Trowman, please email both alexandra.prentice@westmercia.police.uk & ben.trowman@westmercia.police.uk.

Find out what's happening in your area and keep in touch with the Safer Neighbourhood Team through their free community messaging system. Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters at <https://neighbourhoodmatters.co.uk/> to receive emails or text messages about the issues you tell them you want to know about.

Inconsiderate Parking

We have received a number of complaints from parishioners about inconsiderate parking, either on the footpath or too near to junctions.

Please think carefully about the pedestrians who use these footpaths, especially those less mobile, wheelchair users, prams / buggies, and the elderly.

Planning Applications

The Parish Council's role is only advisory. For more details, please refer to www.wychavon.gov.uk.

For consideration by Wychavon:

W/24/01583 - Sovereign Cottage, Back Lane, Bredon. Replacement of 19 windows. **The PC has no objection.**

W/24/01815 - The Croft, 1 The Dell, Bredon. Proposed development of two dwellings with associated garaging and parking drainage and access. **The PC has no objection, subject to the Conservation Officer raising no objection.**

W/24/01870 - Tudor Cottage, Manor Lane, Bredon's Norton. External flue extension and additional air vent (retrospective). **The PC has no objection, subject to the Conservation Officer raising no objection.**

W/24/01882 - True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham. Removal of existing staircases & reinstatement of new oak stair in original position to allow safe access to the attic level. **The PC has no objection, subject to the Conservation Officer raising no objection.**

W/24/01972 - True Blue Farm, Lower Lane, Kinsham. Conversion of barn as approved under planning reference W/15/02945 - variation of condition 2 (approved plans) for the variation to the internal layout and the addition of conservation style roof lights. **The PC has no objection, subject to the Conservation Officer raising no objection.**

Date of Next Meeting:

Monthly Parish Council

Monday 11th November
takes place in Bredon Village Hall
at 7pm.