

COMMUNITY MATTERS

20 JANUARY 2018

A303 STONEHENGE – AMESBURY TO BERWICK DOWN

A few of us from CPSTV attended the Amesbury Area Board meeting on Thursday 18 January 2018 where representatives from Highways England were invited to give a presentation on the next stage of public consultation. The presentation covered two relevant up-coming events as described below.

COMMUNITY FORUM

You may already be aware that Highways England (HE) announced the formation of a 'Community Forum' where they have publicly invited individuals and local groups (living and working in the area), with direct interest in the A303 road scheme, to contact them in order to take part in the Forum. HE would like a broad section of the local community affected by the scheme to attend.

CPSTV has written to confirm their interest in taking part. We have been advised that the first Community Forum meeting will take place in Amesbury on Thursday 1 February. It is by invitation only but at least one representative from CPSTV/Berwick St James will be in attendance. HE's intention is that the community should take ownership of this Forum and will run for the duration of the A303 road scheme. At this stage we are unaware who from HE will be involved and how our feedback, concerns and ideas will fit into the whole process.

PRE-DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER PUBLIC CONSULTATIONS

Highways England is now entering the next phase in the process, the Pre-Development Consent Order (DCO). This phase in the consultation process is statutory, which means it is required by law.

HE is organising a series of *public consultations* where they will focus on their detailed proposals of the preferred route. Public feed-back will allow them to make sure they have the best scheme for construction and where more studies and changes need to take place. This will be **your opportunity** to give your views and ideas before they submit the DCO Application to the Planning Inspectorate in late 2018.

Dates and Venues for the Public Consultations

At the meeting HE were unable to give us specific dates and venues for these public consultations – last year we got 3 days notice! However, we believe there will be around 10 to 15 venues and they will run from approximately 6 February to 6 April. We have been informed that full information about the events will be in the national and local press.
