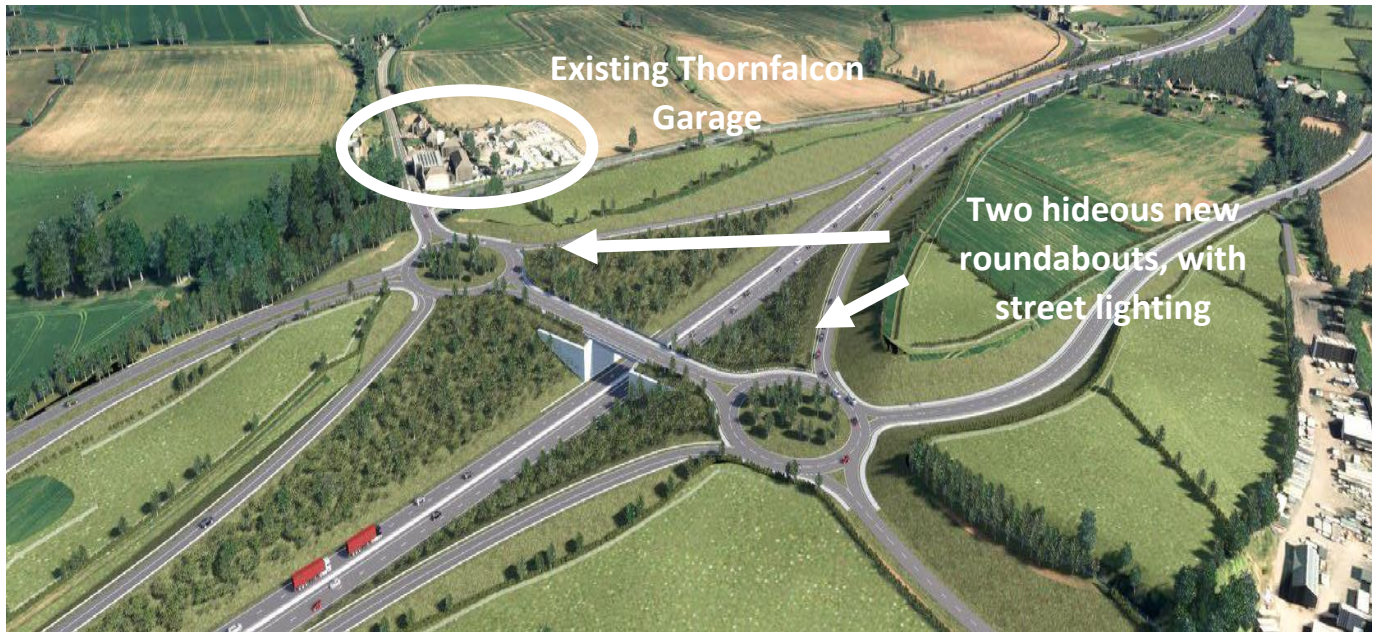


This is what they want to do at Thornfalcon –
concrete jungle, with streetlighting 24/7!!!



HELP STOP THIS MADNESS

**NATIONAL HIGHWAYS SURVEY
ENDS MIDNIGHT, 22 NOVEMBER**

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**A new, local, grass-roots campaign, helping
residents to challenge National Highways**

This isn't a done deal – we can still change the plans for the A358 and save the village

DON'T MISS THE CHANCE - HAVE YOUR SAY

1. This is Ashill overpass and proposed junctions – it would be a nightmare!

2. Big, ugly flyover proposed over Village Road, opposite the Unicorn Saddlery



3. Flyover over Bickenhall Lane – if this is open to public traffic, it will create a rat-run through the village.

Many residents are requesting it should be for agricultural vehicles, cyclists, horseriders and pedestrians only.

**Take
action**

- 1. Get informed – visit www.FutureA358.com, and read the key summaries on the National Highways website**
- 2. Fill out the National Highways Consultation survey – see back page of this flyer for instructions**
- 3. Join us, spread the word, volunteer to help – see our site or find us on Facebook**

What's at stake

Quality of life
Livelihood and local businesses
Local environment, economy
Will destroy and shape local communities for generations
Connectivity
Reduced road safety for everyone – pedestrians, cyclists, horseriders, drivers

Key points to include in your response

National Highways need to hear your views, but we've taken the liberty of making some suggestions below. Use these, or not, as you like. **If you want more detailed guidance for each question, go to www.future-a358.com. We have a sample response for each question there, should you want to use them.**

1. Local people don't want this project. It should be cancelled

- Write that you 'strongly disagree' with the A358. It will create more traffic through Hatch Beauchamp, and other villages
- 3 - 5 years of construction work – noise, pollution, disruption, more traffic
- Pointless unless Southfields roundabout is upgraded first, which isn't funded as part of this development. The tailbacks will double!
- Huge environmental impact
- No economic benefits to Hatch Beauchamp and local villages

2. Current plan for local access means Hatch Beauchamp will become a rat-run

- Local access is a mess – no sliproads where they're needed, and flyovers at Bickenhall Lane and Village Road will route traffic from Neroche, West Hatch, Ashill, Staple Fitzpaine through Hatch Beauchamp to access the A358. They should have their own direct access.
- Residents are opposed to a 2-way public vehicle flyover at Bickenhall Lane and many are requesting access for horses, riders, cyclists and local farm vehicles only
- The proposals defeat the original purpose of the A358 as a bypass of Hatch Beauchamp. Henlade will be saved and Hatch thrown under the bus!
- Significant increased traffic, farm machinery and lorries on narrow village roads, including single track roads and those with no pavements
- Dangerous – for school, playground, carehome and residents, with worse air quality, noise, light and pollution and quality of life

3. If the road does go ahead, we want a dual carriageway not an Expressway

- The proposed design is 'Expressway' standard – double the width of a normal dual carriageway, and wider than most of the A303. We don't need such a big road and a huge land-grab in a rural environment

How to respond

1. Respond online -
<https://highwaysengland.citizenspace.com/>
 - Click on the first link under 'Open Consultations' - [A358 Taunton to Southfields Dualling Scheme preliminary design consultation October 2021](#)
 - Click on 'Online Survey' under Give Us Your Views
 - Click 'Continue' at the bottom right
2. Fill out a paper form and send to:
 - FREEPOST A358 TAUNTON TO SOUTHFIELDS
 - The form is available to print from the National Highways website, or they will post you one for free if you call 0300 123 5000
3. Attend a drop-in session at Hatch Beauchamp Village Hall, and we'll help you do it
 - 20 November, 2pm – 4pm
4. If you're struggling, get in touch and ask for help. We can help you fill the form out in paper, or online

Help and further information

- Ask Christine Scott: 07708 702 967 christine.scott101@yahoo.com
- Email the Parish Council – hatchbeauchamp.pc@gmail.com
- Facebook – Search for Hatch Beauchamp Inner Circle Group
- Visit www.futurea358.com – we are ready to help and want to hear from you

In summary

1. Proposed A358 development will have devastating impact on Hatch Beauchamp, and the other villages near the road
2. You need to act now – support the fight back, and respond to the National Highways consultation by 22 November
3. Ask for help if you need support filling out the consultation, or volunteer to spread the word / help others if you can
4. This is the ONE OPPORTUNITY that we have, as individuals, to respond to the proposed A358 development and have our views taken into consideration.



**DEADLINE – 11:59pm,
22 November 2021**