



Next steps

Once the consultation has closed we will take time to consider your feedback when making further refinements to our proposed design and developing our planned mitigation measures.

We will set out a summary of the responses that you have given us in a consultation report, with details on how your feedback has shaped and influenced the proposals. This report will form part of our Development Consent Order (DCO) application. We expect to submit our DCO application in 2022 and, if it is granted, start work on the A358 improvements in 2024/25.

Once our application has been accepted, the Planning Inspectorate (acting on behalf of the Secretary of State) may examine the application through written representations and public hearings. They will then make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport, who will decide on whether or not the project will go ahead. This process is explained in the table below.

