
APPENDIX 7 - PRESENTATION TO BLACKBROOK RESIDENTS

A303/A358 SOUTH PETHERTON TO M5 TAUNTON ROUTE IMPROVEMENT

Presentation to residents

29 March 2007

Highways Agency Team

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Stephen Coe – Project Leader

Design Team

Mike Smith – Project Director
Tim Harper – Project Manager
Gary Soltys – Environmental Coordinator

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Purpose of presentation

- Provide additional information to residents at Blackbrook in response to requests
- Responses – submit to HA by returning questionnaire by post or through the website or by writing a letter or email

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Overview

- Need for the scheme
- Need for a free-flow link
- Consultation process
- Layout selected at M5
- Layouts at M5 rejected
- Description of issues arising
- Questions

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Need For The Scheme - History

- SWARMMS – October 02
- Minister's Announcement – December 02
- Strategic Route Choice A303/A30 or A358
- Report to SW Regional Assembly - Feb 04
- Minister's Announcement – November 04
- RFA 10 year plan announced – July 06

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NEED FOR FREE-FLOW LINKS

- SWARMMS (October 02) – feasibility of free-flow link for traffic joining M5 to the south
- Endorsed by Minister's Announcement (November 04)

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Current Scheme Programme

- March 2007 - Public Exhibition
- Oct 2007 - Preferred Route Announcement
- 2009 – Entry to Targeted Programme of Improvements
- 2010 – Commence scheme design
- 2012 – Publish Draft Orders & Environmental Statement
- 2013 – Public Inquiry
- 2014 - Start of Works
- 2017 – Open to Traffic

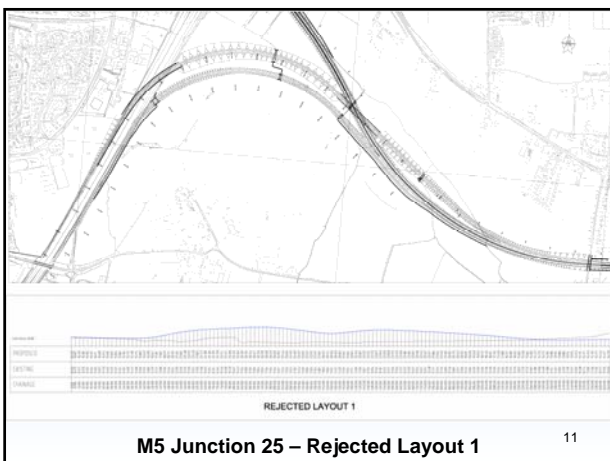
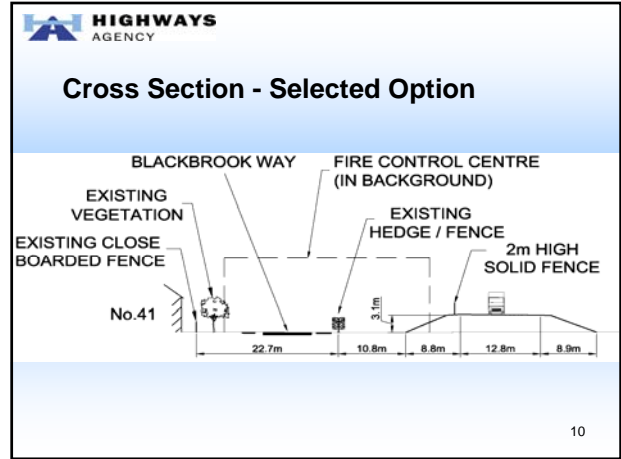
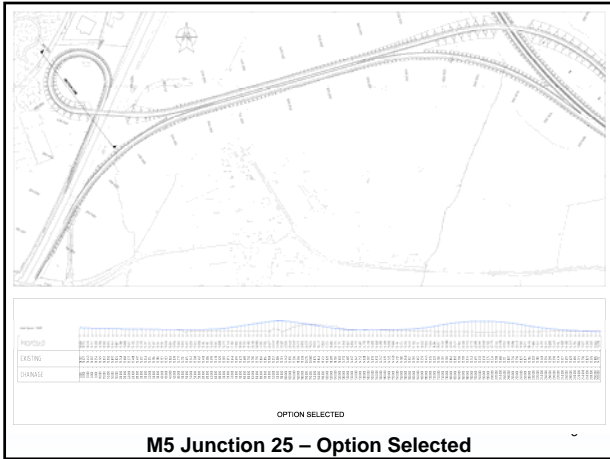
NB The above dates are subject to funding & Regional Prioritisation Process

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Consultation Process

- Consultation starts – 26 February 2007
- Public exhibitions & meetings - Mar 07
- Responses returned
- Consultation ends – 18 May 2007
- Consultation Report published

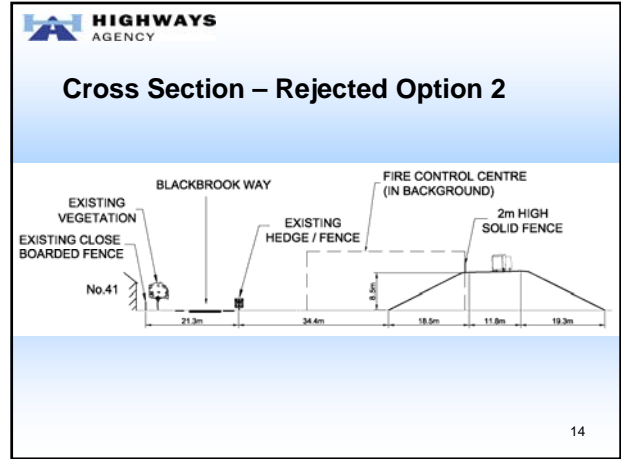
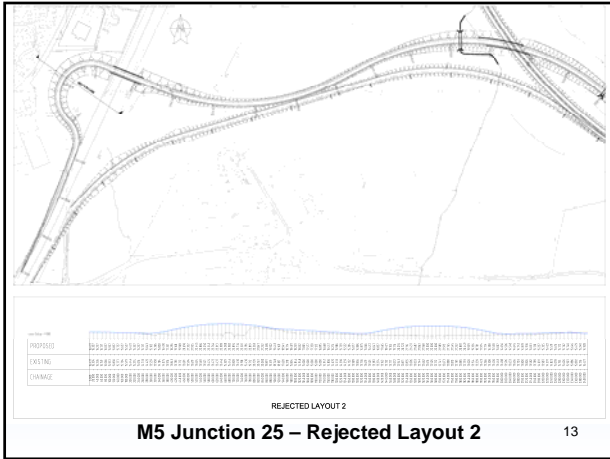
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Selected layout - Issues 1

- Saves £32 million
- Least landscape & visual impact
- Significantly reduced floodplain impact
- More properties potentially affected by noise, but can be mitigated
- Affects playing field – to be replaced in accordance with Taunton Deane policy

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Selected layout - Issues 2

- Reduced agricultural severance
- Reduced ecological impact
- 1,100 m² less residual open space

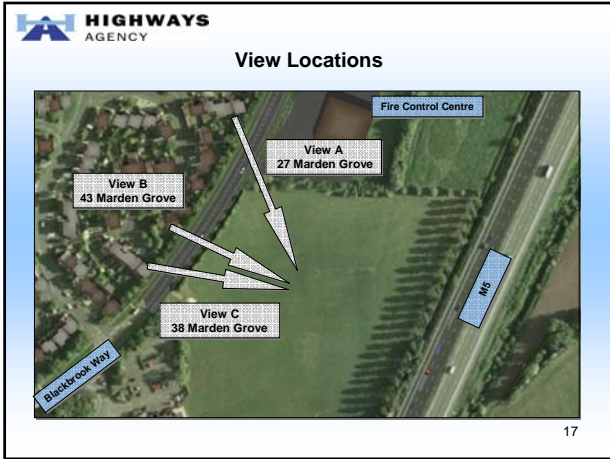
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3-D Visualisation of layout proposed

- Three illustrative viewpoints from Marden Grove
- Two Heights – 1.8m and 5.2m

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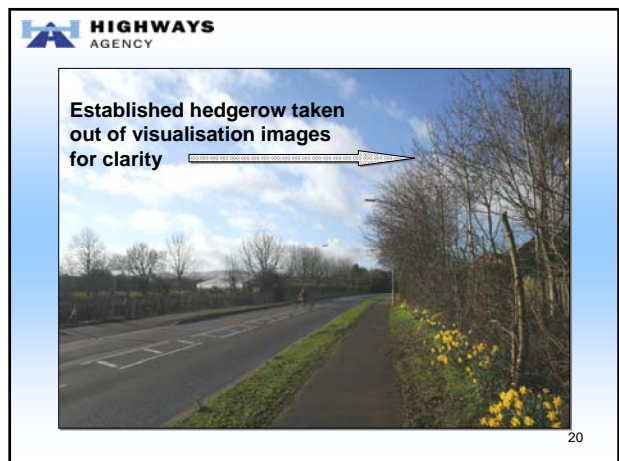
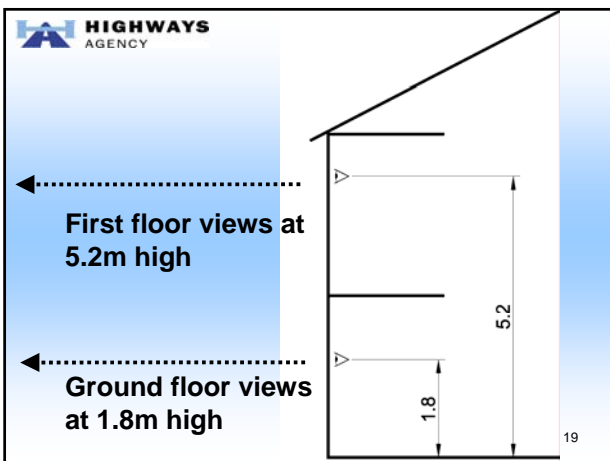


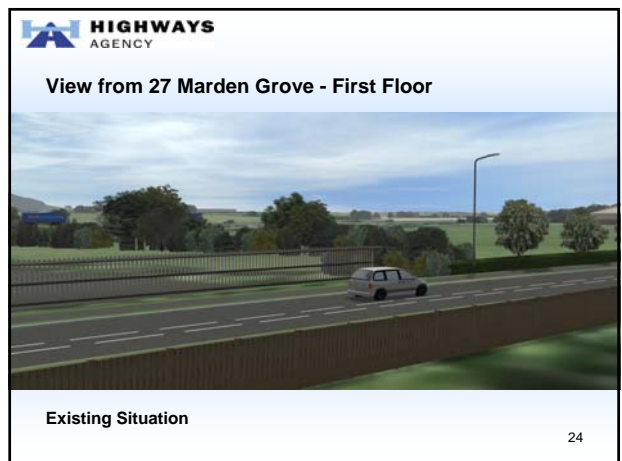
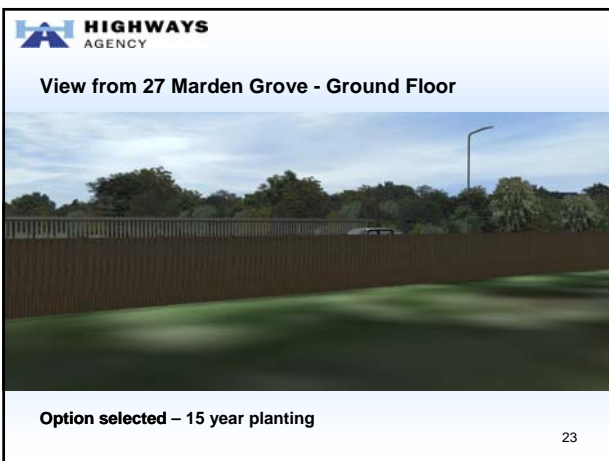
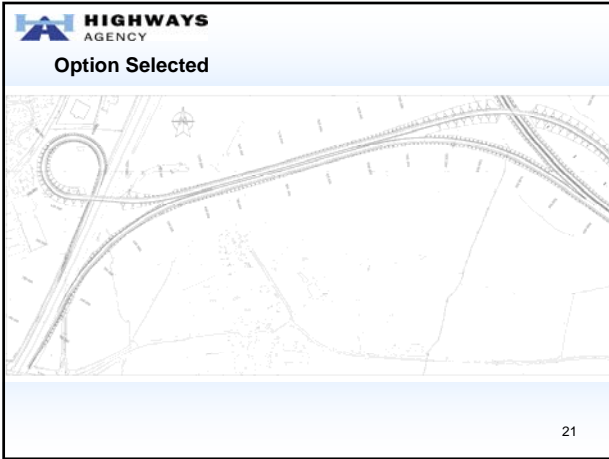
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3-D Visualisation Assumptions

- Proposed planting is at 4m high (projected 15 year height)
- First floor views at 5.2m high
- Ground floor views at 1.8m high
- Existing planting in foreground taken out for clarity
- No planting shown in opening year

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View from 38 Marden Grove - First Floor



Option selected – 15 year planting

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M5 Junction 25 – Suggested Alternative S1



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Any questions?

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