Dear Stakeholder,

**Charfield Station**

We are developing preliminary plans for a new station at Charfield to support sustainable travel to and from the village and surrounding area. A new station will also improve access to jobs, education and a wider variety of services and facilities and help mitigate some of the impacts of recent development in the area.

The preliminary plans are being developed by the Council and have been funded to date by the West of England Combined Authority. Network Rail have been appointed by the Council to progress a design for the station. An Outline Business Case for the station has been submitted to the Combined Authority to help secure funding to progress the scheme further.

The new station will include two platforms serving north and southbound journeys, a pedestrian footbridge, a bus stop, covered cycle parking, and car parking. Services will connect Charfield to key locations for employment and education such as Bristol North Fringe, Bristol City Centre and Gloucester.

We will be seeking your views by undertaking pre-application public consultation starting this month. Feedback from local residents, businesses and organisations will be used to shape the station proposals going forward and inform more detailed designs. It is anticipated that a planning application for the scheme will be submitted to the Local Planning Authority in spring 2022, allowing time for the consultation feedback to inform the final plans.

**Consultation and drop-in events**

The 12-week consultation will start on Tuesday 19 October 2021 and close on Monday 10 January 2022.

During the consultation period we will host a series of public drop-in events in Charfield and the surrounding area where you will be able to learn more about the proposals. Council officers and representatives from Network Rail will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. The same information will be available at each event.

The events are being held on the following dates:

* Monday 8 November 3pm to 7pm at Wotton Town Hall, Market Street, Wotton-under-Edge.
* Wednesday 10 November 2pm to 5.30pm at Charfield Memorial Hall, Wotton Road, Charfield.
* Saturday 13 November 10.30am to 2.30pm at Charfield Memorial Hall, Wotton Road, Charfield.

We kindly request those attending our events observe social distancing, and we are encouraging staff and visitors to wear face masks. During busy times we may need to limit the number of people at the events, and we ask for people’s patience and cooperation during these times.

Information about the station will also be available to view on our [project website](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/CharfieldStation).

**Have your say**

We would really like to hear **your** views on the station.

You can respond online to the consultation by going to our [website](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/consultation) and searching Charfield Station**.**

You can request a printed or alternative format copy of the consultation materials by emailing us at **CharfieldStation@southglos.gov.uk** or calling us on 01454 868 000. Paper copies of the response form are available at Kingswood One Stop Shop (High Street, Kingswood, Bristol, BS15 9TR).

**Further information**

For updates on the project please sign up to our project newsletter, which you can do by visiting [our webpage](http://www.southglos.gov.uk/CharfieldStation). This newsletter will be used to update residents and other stakeholders on the project as it progresses.

We would also encourage you to like and follow the [Council’s Facebook page](http://www.facebook.com/sgloscouncil) or [Twitter account](http://www.twitter.com/sgloscouncil).

If you have any questions, please get in touch with the project team.

Yours faithfully,

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South Gloucestershire Council