

NEV Consultation and Information Event Feedback

Southern Connector Road

- 1. Concerns were raised about the impact of Southern Connector Road on nearby heritage sites.**

*Swindon Borough Council employs Officers whose remit is to protect and safeguard archaeological and historical heritage for the public benefit. The remains of the Roman town of **Durocornovium** are known to exist within the New Eastern Village area. Further significant archaeological remains are known to exist within the Symmetry Park employment development.*

Decisions on how to preserve remains will be on the advice of the County Archaeologist. The most important remains will be preserved in situ and will define the public open spaces which will benefit the character of the New Eastern Villages. Other historically important finds will be excavated and stored within the Swindon museum collection.

- 2. A number of attendees expressed concern that the Southern Connector Road will be built on a Flood plain. Their suggestion was that the road could reduce the ability of the ground to absorb extreme levels of rain water run off which could result upstream flooding problems.**

In accordance with Policy NC3 within the Adopted Local Plan, flooding risk is being mitigated through a Sustainable Drainage System (SUDS) strategy. Swindon Borough Council is undertaking a ground water flow study in preparation for detailed design of the Southern Connector Road. This includes drilling a number of boreholes along the proposed road alignment. The findings of this study will enable appropriate flood mitigation measures to be designed.