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Sent: 12 June 2015 11:40
To: A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon
Subject: Bridge on B1040

Dear Sirs,

I don't know if this request comes too late, as I am aware that you have a tight schedule to adhere to, but this only occurred to me last night.

I would like you to examine the need for bridge over the proposed route for the A14 for the B1040.

As far as I can see from the plans, the main purpose of this bridge would be to take traffic from Hilton onto the east bound carriageway of the A14 and further, on to what is the existing A14 and into St. Ives.

However, there is already an east bound exit onto the A14 from Hilton via the Fenstanton Road.

The B1040 has a history of traffic problems and through the village of Hilton mainly due to through traffic and has already got restrictions in place because of this.

Removal of this bridge would be beneficial to Hilton for two main reasons.

1. It would significantly reduce the through traffic, particularly of HGVs, which would go a long way to offsetting the noise and pollution increase from the proposed route. It would make the B1040 a much safer road. There have already been child fatalities and serious accidents on this road in recent years.
2. It would severely reduce the environmental impact of the new proposed route on Hilton, both in noise and pollution levels, as well as the visual impact.

The downside would be the loss of an inconvenient route into St. Ives from Hilton, but there is still a route via Fenstanton, which is only about 2 miles longer.

Coming from the St. Ives direction, traffic could still get onto the A14 westbound, and would have to go use the current A14 for one junction to go eastbound, which I don't see as a major problem.

I hope that it is not too late to bring this to your attention. I understand that there are steps that have to be followed in procedural order, but I feel that it would be neglectful of me not to bring this up now, as the project is still in the planning stage.

If this is out of your remit as it is not part of the proposed plans, please could you be so kind as to forward it to the relevant department of Highways England.

Although I know that the funding for this project does not form part of your examination, I understand that Highways England have stressed that there is a very tight budget for this project and I am sure that this would be a significant saving.

As you know, Hilton has been described as "the big loser" by Highways England over the proposal, and it would be very beneficial to this peaceful village, if we could find a way of lessening the impact.

I would also like to register this as a question to be brought up in the meeting at Hilton Village Hall on Monday 13th July.

Kind regards,

Chris Graveling,
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