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Subject: Representation at A14 Open Meeting - Hilton 13th July 15

**FAO Mr Nicholas Coombes
The Planning Inspectorate**

Please note the intention of Mr Mark Shuker and Mrs Siobhan Shuker of [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], to make representation at the A14 Open Meeting to be held at 1830 in Hilton Village Hall on the 13th July 2015. Please acknowledge receipt of this email by return and confirm that our representation will be heard.

We intend to raise the issues detailed below:

Our objections to the scheme as currently being developed are wide ranging, covering the following issues:

- Development of the scheme and the consultation process;
- Routing of the A14 and link roads;
- Noise and mitigation measures;
- Pollution;
- Visual impact, including light pollution at night;
- Flood risks and mitigations;
- Impact on local traffic;
- Building the road.

We explain our concerns individually below.

Routing of the A14

As hinted at above, the routing of the road has been moved significantly further south since the scheme was last proposed before being dropped.

- It is not clear why this has happened. It would make more sense to route the road as closely as possible to the existing A14.
- The most sensible routing would be to take the road through where Wood Green Animal Shelter is currently located. I recognise that this would cause disruption, but this is an animal shelter, nobody lives there and it could be relocated. You simply cannot move a village. By taking this route the road could be set in a deeper cutting, thus alleviating many of the issues for the settlements north and south of the road.
- Looking slightly further to the east, it would make sense to rejoin the existing A14 at the St Ives Galley Hill junction. This would allow a revised junction with exits and onramps for St Ives, thus alleviating some of the local traffic concerns held by Hilton and other local residents.

Noise and Mitigation Measures

The scheme as presented causes us major concerns on noise. There are very few real noise mitigation measures proposed. It looks very much like the scheme has been designed with the bare of mitigations minimum pending objections from local residents. This is the wrong way around, a scheme like this should be have all practicable noise and other mitigations designed

into the scheme from the outset.

- The scheme should be set in a cutting for its entire route. Where the route cannot go low enough because of water levels, then an artificial cutting should be built up.
- The road should be built with a noise reducing road surface for its entire length.
- All practicable noise mitigation measures should be employed to reduce the noise impact on local residents.

Air Pollution

We are extremely concerned by the potential for increased pollution in our village. We have not been given proper answers on the potential increase in pollution or even whether it was a consideration when routing the scheme.

Visual Impact

The visual impact of the scheme will be significant. Our house looks to the rear onto open farmland towards Wood Green Animal shelter. With the scheme as routed we will be looking at a major road junction that will also be lit at night. This could be alleviated to an extent by putting the road into the deepest possible cutting with the rerouting that I suggested earlier.

Flood Risks

Hilton already has problems with flooding and we have major concerns on how this road development will affect that. Our own property and others nearby suffered flooding in 2001 and we see little in the proposed scheme to show that the potentially increased flood risk has been considered.

We have been told that the flood risk assessments have not yet been carried out. This beggars belief, why have they not been carried out and the results used to influence the design of the scheme.

Impact on Local Traffic

This seems to be one of the most ridiculous and ill thought out aspects of the whole scheme.

- The restricted junction proposed for where the A14 intersects the A1198 can only cause a massive increase in traffic heading to or from St Ives to go through Hilton. We have not heard or seen any satisfactory response to this issue.
- The village of Hilton already suffers from very heavy traffic, particularly from heavy goods vehicles. The noise and pollution is significant and it can only be a matter of time before there is a serious accident involving one of these vehicles.
- The traffic using Graveley Way is also likely to see a significant increase. This is a narrow country road, leading into a residential area.

It is simply unacceptable to propose a scheme which will actually make the situation of traffic through Hilton worse than it already is.

Construction of the Road

The construction phase of the road development is likely to be extremely disruptive. This includes noise, pollution, dust, light, construction traffic etc.

Conclusions

If the potential impacts on our village, our way of life and our health and wellbeing were not

so hugely significant, then the way this scheme is being developed would be laughable. But this is very serious and will have a major adverse affect on our lives.

Mark Shuker



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