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FAO: Mr Nicholas Coombes, Planning Inspectorate Case Manager, The Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN

Dear Mr Coombes,

We are writing to you regarding the planned changes to the A14 between Cambridge and Huntingdon and the impact this will have upon our village of Hilton.

We consider that the design has so far given no consideration to the detrimental effects the new road will have upon the village and any mitigation measures that could be included to reduce air, noise and light pollution.

This is an historical village with a strong community united by their desire to live together in a its peaceful and beautiful environment. The village works hard to maintain this and we all make extensive use of the village green set out by Capability Brown. This new A14 threatens to ruin for ever the village and the lives of the 1,000 people who live here.

The questions I would like you to address in the planning of this new road are:

1. Why is the new road required at all. The flow of traffic is reduced at the Huntingdon roundabout and at the Girton Interchange. Would it not be prudent, especially considering the continuing need for cuts in public spending, to improve both these junctions first and monitor flows of traffic after these improvements to assess whether the new road is in fact required at all. As I understand it the average journey time saving is less than 1 minute for the new road, a farcical amount to justify spending billions of pounds.
2. Why is the elevation of the new road so high, the bunding so low, and no details for planting and noise, air and light pollution protection provided.
3. How will noise, air and light pollution be kept at existing levels in the village. So far these have not been suitably benchmarked.
4. What assurances can be given that the mitigation measures are maintained in the future. In particular the retention of noise protection and low noise road surfacing, during maintenance and at end of life/time of replacement.

In conclusion we feel that firstly the case for the new road should be reviewed and that, should it still go ahead, its design should be significantly changed to reduce its height and introduce extensive bunds, planting and physical barriers to eliminate any detrimental effects on the village of Hilton.

We trust that the voices of 1,000 people of Hilton will not be ignored in the agreement of this new road.

yours sincerely

Chris and Lynne Slater



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