

The Parish Council of Offord Cluny and Offord Darcy

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Further Submission to the Highways Agency

The A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

Further to the Brampton Open Floor meeting held on Tuesday 14th July and the Accompanied Site Visit held on Thursday 16th July, the Parish Council of Offord Darcy and Offord Cluny would like to make the following points :-

- i) We endorse all the points made by the gentleman speaking on behalf of Buckden Marina – in particular :
 - a. regarding the lack of screening caused by the necessity for Highways England to change the road west of the Great Ouse from a solid bank to an open span design in order to satisfy the flood prevention requirements of the Environment Agency. This will greatly increase the visual intrusion.
 - b. The lack of certainty regarding HE's exact positioning of the road and associated features
 - c. The apparent lack of any account being taken of the height of this viaduct and the bridge over the railway line (12m) when "modelling" the effects of pollution, noise and light transmission.
- ii) John Gimblett, Chair of the Parish Council joined the route of the site visit from Buckden Marina to the top of Offord Hill. He asked the representative from Highways England if it would be possible for them to put markers outlining the position of the new road as it crosses the railway line and the B1043, in order for people to get a clear understanding of the route. This was refused. We would ask why? The published routes across open fields lack easily identifiable reference points and thus without professional surveying equipment it is impossible for the general public to ascertain the precise position and extent of the planned road. It would be easy to jump to the conclusion that HE have something to hide by not providing this information. It is surely in their interest to prevent the public's trust and belief in their motives sliding down another couple of notches.
- iii) And finally on a related note, another plea for HE to provide proper elevations, graphics and pictorial representations showing realistic visual impacts across the whole route. Again, the absence of such might give the impression that they have something to hide.

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