

From: Peter Balicki [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 July 2015 08:58
To: A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon
Subject: Summary of representation made at open meeting held at Hilton Village Hall 13 July 2015

Dear Ms Fernandez

Open Meeting at Hilton Village Hall Monday 13 July 2015

Scheme reference TR010018
My reference number 10030555

In accordance with the Rule 8 letter I submit the following comments following the open meeting detailed above in line with the deadline due at noon today.

Please do accept my thanks, on behalf of the parishioners of Hilton and the Parish Council, for arranging a meeting in Hilton. I think that the strong level of attendance, approximately 175 people, (more than the other 3 meetings combined) gave you a good idea of the level of unrest amongst villagers concerning the impact the proposed scheme on the village.

As a Parish Council we have held a number of meetings through the process and, if the proposed route is allowed, the matter of mitigation is the main common theme following statements made by Jacobs and Highways that Hilton will be one of the biggest losers.

I would like to reiterate a point I made at the meeting that Mike Evans of Highways England advised us that the mitigation measures proposed in the scheme were as much as Highways were obliged to provide. They would like to do more and needed the Planning Inspectorate to tell them to do more. I would ask that if the scheme is accepted it is done with a caveat that the mitigation levels on the new road are improved. Our sound expert, Giles Parker has indicated a preliminary recommendation that a hard edge would be better than a bund and that this should be higher than the 2metre bunding proposed.

I mentioned how frustrated Giles had been in not being sent the digital sound data he had requested and I copy below an email received from him concerning that matter, the email is addressed to Mark Stanton, a member of the Parish Council's A14 Working Group and Giles has agreed that it can be forwarded to you. The fact he was unable to receive this data in that format has delayed production of the updated report. This report has been now been compiled, we are meeting on Wednesday 22 July to discuss this and I will submit this to you with observations by Friday 24 July 2015. I appreciate that this will be tight in terms of time but, as it contains, at our Parish's expense, highly relevant data on the proposals it will be helpful to you in your consideration of the next round of questions, due to be published 25th July.

Photomontage

I have been advised that the 1 year on and 15 year on photos do in fact include the proposed bridge over Potton Road and that there is in fact a heavy goods vehicle on the bridge in the 1 year on shot. This photo is produced on the basis on a 50mm lens which is what one would expect to see with the naked eye.

I would like to draw your attention to the view of the existing road we saw from a distance of approximately 1km during a stop on the accompanied site visit at what was described as New Barns Farm. That view was greater than the distance the proposed road will be from Hilton and the vehicles were larger to the eye than that represented in the photomontage.

As was said at the open meeting, the current A14 and its traffic can be seen from the village hall during the winter. To suggest that the photomontage is an accurate perspective is not credible.

Statement of Common Ground

You asked me toward the end of the meeting what the situation was regarding the statement of common or non-common ground and I advised that we had a further letter to send you on this matter. I would like to hold back on that letter as we have agreed to meet with Highways England and their agents again and are currently looking at Wednesday 22 July 2015 for that to take place. At the issue specific meeting on 15 July 2015 you agreed to allow Highways and Cambridgeshire County Council to resubmit their Statement of Common Ground by Deadline 7; 19 August 2015 and I request that you will allow us to work to the same deadline.

Other comments

You will have heard other villagers raise concerns regarding the route and how this has appeared to have moved closer to Hilton for no apparent reason. When we visited Oxholme Farm you will have seen what a devastating effect the siting of the road will have on that livelihood and how a small adjustment to the route of perhaps 200 metres to the north would improve the situation for that family and would help to relieve the some of the effects on Hilton and I hope that the Examiners would take this into account.

Rat Running and HGV Ban

Firstly, I would like to caution against drawing too many conclusions in relation to traffic flows from your site visit last Friday. We are now in the summer months and traffic flows have reduced noticeably over the last couple of weeks from their normal levels. So far as HGV traffic is concerned, it is well known that, once site visits or surveys have been announced, the hauliers re-route their vehicles for that period of time.

I can confirm that members of the Parish Council have been invited to attend a meeting with Cambridgeshire County Council on what looks likely to be Friday 7 August 2015 at Shire Hall. This is after Deadline 6: Receipt of Applicants report on local traffic impacts outside those in the Transport Assessment and Traffic Modelling Update Report and I will ensure that I have written to you with our views on that meeting before Deadline 7: 19 August 2015.

I trust you found the meeting in Hilton informative to your process. Please do let me know if you require any further information from Hilton Parish Council. Representatives of Hilton Parish Council would also be pleased to meet with you and your colleagues, if you felt this would be helpful.

Yours sincerely

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From: Giles Parker [mailto:gilesparker@soundbarriersolutions.com]

Sent: 16 July 2015 15:44

To: Mark Stanton

Subject: Giles Parker Information from Jacobs.

Mark

Information from Jacobs for the A14 Noise Mitigation Design

As you are aware, both you and ourselves requested technical information from Jacobs for the A14 Noise Mitigation Design. This normally goes further than the basic public information provided in the Environmental Statement.

This is normal practice and has been the normal procedure during my own professional involvement as a primary noise consultant on road schemes in the UK and Ireland over that past 20 years.

There may be many legitimate reasons as to why information cannot be passed over and also workload can mean it just doesn't get actioned.

However we were not made aware as to why information we requested was not sent through. I'm sure there may have been reasons for this, but it didn't assist us with our work.

In our conversations we were told that it was considered unlikely that Jacobs would provide the digital drawings and technical information we required.

We then asked if it was possible to have the coordinates for the PDF drawings of the A14 road plan that were in the public domain. This would at least give us something to work with.

I also re-iterated that we needed the road heights and proposed bund heights.

I was unable to make further contact with our contact at Jacobs though phone-calls were made. Obviously we were entering holiday season when folk are away for legitimate reasons.

None of this information was forthcoming at all. In the absence of this we had to make best use of the PDFs and our original noise model to determine how the road line and height had changed.

This was far more cumbersome than it would have been had they released the information.

Best regards

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