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To: A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon
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Dear Ms Fernandes

Hilton Parish Council reference 10030555

Matters arising from recent issue-specific hearings

On behalf of Hilton Parish Council (HPC), I would like to express my appreciation of the Panel's interest in the potential increase in noise pollution in Hilton. I was pleased that you challenged HE's dismissive approach to the conclusions of our noise expert and required them to prepare a like-for-like comparison. I was also appreciative of your challenge to their conclusion that the cost of a vLNS was not supported by the monetised benefits. HPC believes that a combination of a vLNS on the new road, and a 24 hour HGV ban on the B1040 through Hilton would go a long way to alleviating the justified fears of villagers; be very cheap to implement; and would leave the positive legacy that HE claims it wishes to leave.

At a recent meeting our MP, Jonathan Djanogoly expressed support for our calls for the use of the vLNS and a minimum height of the proposed bunding of at least 2metres (and not subject to any potential or actual reduction once the final design detail is published). I would hope that you will receive his letter confirming this before the conclusion of the examination period.

At the hearings on 21 and 22 October I was surprised to hear that details of the flood scheme had not been finalised.

Parts of Hilton have been flooded in the past and there were two issues discussed which Hilton would wish to see resolved namely: -

1. The flows into and along West Brook next to the B1040, due to be realigned/re-routed as a result of the new road have still to be agreed by the Environment Agency.

2. HE advised that they have sized culverts and drains to suit existing capacity. The new road will be in the order of 30metre wide - a hard surfaced area with a much faster run off than currently exists with agricultural land. We are concerned that this will increase the risk of flooding in Hilton and that all drains in whatever form should be required to be sized to deal with the faster rate of run off that the large area of hard surfacing to the new road will produce. This requirement should be required to apply to the whole scheme.

Contractor Traffic

HPC are concerned about the amount of contractor traffic which may opt to use the B1040 if it is not prohibited to do so as a condition in the contract documents, given the amount of vibration, noise and pollution which will otherwise result.

Post-Examination process

HPC are concerned that many aspects of the detailed design will remain unspecified at the conclusion of your examination and that those aspects will not be subject to the rigorous independent scrutiny that the Panel has demonstrated during the Examination period. HPC understand that there will be some scrutiny by other teams within HE (although they will lack independence and objectivity) and the Design Council. However, HE is not bound to follow the recommendations of these bodies; neither is there any mechanism for dispute resolution that we can see. HPC conclude that this represents a flaw in the overall process and ask that the Panel lays down appropriate conditions to safeguard interested parties as the detailed design emerges.

Statement of Common Ground

HPC would ask that we be able to submit our SoCG over the next week, before the deadline of 6 November 2015 and apologise for not submitting today. This is because we are keen to see HE's response to the comments raised at the last issue specific meeting regarding noise. At the last deadline we did submit a SoCG but this was amended 2 hours before the deadline with information that was not available to us as we prepared for submission.

On this occasion we respectfully request that we are allowed to review documentation sent in by HE for noon on 30 October 2015 to which we would add comment if required by 6 November 2015. I have discussed that with HE on 29 October 2015 and they were in agreement with that possibility.

I trust that the above is satisfactory to the ExA and would close by thanking you and your panel for paying attention and giving consideration to the views of Hilton Parish Council and its Parishioners through this period.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

Peter Balicki

Chairman Hilton Parish Council