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In principle the concept of the project as a whole is reasonable.

However, further to the Case Team letter 20 August, I would urge a re-think of the raising of the A303 above the existing Countess roundabout.

Currently the noise level is high but largely contained, especially during Summer when the surrounding trees help. Bearing in mind that traffic is slowing for the roundabout also helps.

Logically a less 'robust' flyover for local traffic access makes sense, leaving the A303 at ground level to better cope with noise of traffic now able to continue through at speed.

If you build the A303 up on to a through flyover and the existing ground level layout is kept for local access, the noise levels will increase by a minimum of 10 fold because of the height and full speed of traffic.

I am sure the idea is to maintain reasonable costs but as a reminder of not accepting the environmental impact of such high noise levels, perhaps it might be wise to consider the case of the M3 when it was decided to keep costs down and destroy Twyford Down near Winchester in the early 90s. The road was raised 25m plus as it passed from the cutting, as a consequence those residents even 3 miles away were severely affected and subsequently huge compensation payments were agreed with all local residents. False economy in other words.

It would be good to think that attitudes have changed over the last 30 years, but it seems not.

I welcome your comments regarding my points. Thank you.

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