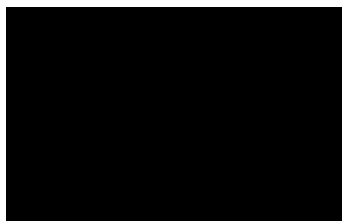


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The Examining Inspectors  
M42 Junction 6 Improvement Scheme  
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10<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Dear Mr Cullingford and Mr Jones

## **M42 Junction 6 Improvement Scheme - Examination**

We have a copy of the letter to you from CPRE Warwickshire dated 6 October, which sets out why changes to the Application for the M42 Junction 6 Improvement need to be now considered. Their letter notes that Highways England did not consult residents in 2016-17 on a solution which would improve the actual junction and avoid the need for the new Junction 5A and the link road through our countryside to the Clock.


CPRE is suggesting that the scheme be changed to include free-flow bypass lanes on all four sides of the M42/A45 circulatory carriageway (the signalised roundabout) instead of only two, and that the link road which is so objectionable be omitted, or postponed until it is actually known whether the HS2 station's 7,000 car park spaces will be built, and/or whether there will be (up to) 4,000 houses in the UK Central triangle feeding traffic onto the roads around Junction 6. We would stress that free-flow bypass lanes at Junction 6 are not contentious; yet the current plan by Highways England will remove the one that already exists on the ground that the new link road would replace it! It appears from work done by the previous firm of engineers engaged by Highways England (Mouchel) that putting in free-flow bypass lanes on all four sides can reduce traffic on the roundabout by up to half.

There are other changes that local people have been seeking, which have been brought up at hearings. One, sought by us, is to change the proposed Junction 5A so that it does not have two roundabouts but is in the form of a free-way junction. We suggest that they are there, primarily, to facilitate a motorway service area which is subject of a planning application 2015/51409 which is yet to be decided upon and may yet be refused. We emphasize the main objective of Jct 5a is to relieve the traffic using Jct 6.

We support the request by CPRE for an issue specific hearing soon, to cover all the changes that have been sought or put forward during the process so far. We are supported in our request by Hampton in Arden Parish Council.

David Cuthbert- Chairman

For and on behalf of Catherine de Barnes Residents Association

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