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Farmers for Upton
Main Street
Upton

As Farmers we realise we are not always that popular to Upton residents. Leaving mud on the roads and waking people up early in the morning. Has been some of the common complaints. That's why we are extremely concerned about Highways England (H. E.) plan to close Upton Main Street leaving Upton residents with only one exit out of Upton to join the A47.

The problem is... it is the worst of the two routes being narrow with sharp bends, poor visibility and poor drainage with water that freezes over in winter particularly on the Langley Bush Road with Southorpe road. This will leave you with an extra 1 1/2 miles to travel on a road with no pulling places as H.E. do not intend to do anything to Langley Bush road. This will leave you stuck behind a wide slow agricultural vehicles making us more unpopular than ever. That's why it is important to attend the meeting on at September 9th to ask H.E. a few questions.

- 1) Why can't the existing Main Street road be connected to the new roundabout 1/2 mile further west? (See enclose quote from Mick George.) Of less than £300,000 of 1/2 a mile of a nice new road of 4 1/2 M wide. Far superior of Drift and Langley Bush Road specification.
- 2) Why has there been no risk assessment been completed on the danger of shoe horning all the traffic down one route? (They have not completed a traffic survey)
- 3) Why has there been no account been taken of the extra fly tipping and Traveller caravans we will get from the severed road?
- 4) Why has no account been taken of Upton punches above its size in food production? It has five active Farming Businesses and Manor Farm is a major storage area for cereals. Thus, attracting large lorries which will now have to travel an unsuitable road.
- 5) When two 4.2 meter wide agricultural vehicles meet on Langley Bush Road. How are they supposed to pass each other?
- 6) Why do they treat Upton residents as second class citizens? Only informing us of plan to move the roundabout 1/2 a mile west in July 2020 and allowing Sutton Parish Council to speak on our behalf?
- 7) Will H.E. accept responsibility for injury or accidents caused by their plans to create an unsuitable road? With present road system never been a serious accident (so far).