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To: [A417 Missing Link at Air Balloon](#)
Subject: Support For A417 Option 30
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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I am in support of the A417 Missing link Option 30, and would like my representation to be included in the planning consideration.

I have been fully involved in the consultation, however had not realised that all of my comments, concerns and support via email, portal and video call would not be included at the planning consultation stage.

I live in Birdlip and fully appreciate not only the area of outstanding natural beauty, but also the connectivity that the A417 should bring to the area.

I support the proposed A417 option 30 route for the improved traffic flow, which will of course give long term environmental improvement either through less idling and pollution and improved travel time (which will help more environmentally conscious vehicles too.) I also believe the scheme has fully considered the current impact that 'rat running' has on the local villages when the current A417 route is congested daily and when the A417 is closed due to accident or incident.

I also support this scheme to ensure that the road layout is safer, I use the current road regularly and find the junction in and out of Birdlip to be extremely dangerous, in both free flowing traffic and when traffic is very slow moving.

I support the scheme which also aims for the length of this stretch of road to be safer for all users - another serious accident occurred on this stretch of road between Cowley road about and Birdlip junction just 6 days prior to me sending this email!

I believe that the Highways England consultation has been extremely well conducted and plans have been improved along the way to mitigate the concerns of all the surrounding villages and stakeholders. A vast amount of investment in ensuring this improvement to the A417 meets the aims of the project. The successful implementation of the aims of the A417 Route 30 option are far greater than the individual complaints that have been raised and I really hope that the environmental and safety improvements of the A417 option 30 scheme are allowed to go ahead by the planning officers.

Thank you for reading my representation and if I should be sending it in a different way please can you let me know so that my representation is included.

Yours faithfully,
Julie Parsons

