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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to confirm my support of Option 30.

In my opinion, this option offers the highest road safety standards long term. Of equal importance is road safety and traffic management in the temporary stages of construction. The A417 road has been plagued with accidents and deaths and is recognized as one of the most dangerous sections of highway in the UK. The final road solution and safety standards must be one of the determining factors for consideration over the life time of the scheme.

Option 30 offers the opportunity to optimize and integrate the new road into the environment. A factor that is very sensitive with both local communities as well as nationally. Option 30 offers the opportunity to minimize the visual intrusion and protect against noise for both communities of Birdlip and Cowley.

Currently, Birdlip and Brimsfield villages are both regularly used as rat runs during bad A417 traffic days. This problem will be made severely worse during the years of the construction phase as well as in the longer term under Option 12. Option 12 will adversely increase noise and pollution, that can only be to the detriment of the future of Birdlip and its community. I oppose Option 12.

Whilst this objection maybe raised after the date of 3 September, I believe there is a precedence set with a Cowley resident raising a late objection. I therefore would expect my objection and interest to also be registered.

Many thanks.

Melanie Hill