

I OBJECT to Route 30 because it was selected WITHOUT direct discussion with key stakeholders ie Cowley village. Indeed Cowley was denied (2019) a briefing meeting to raise concerns / voice opinions. It is clearly not in the best interests of Cowley village.

Route 30 is much more expensive than route 12 and yet confers little in terms of advantages for road users but causes GREATER DAMAGE to AONB/landscape, these villages and all inhabitants.

Route 30 will result in construction traffic that will cause IRREPERABLE damage to village roads, wildlife and businesses.

Ultimately route 30 will cause huge damage to the AONB and would JEOPARDISE the Cotswolds elevation to National Park status - the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) states, "planning permission should be refused for major developments in these designated areas except in exceptional circumstances." (Paras 176 & 177).

I PREFER route option 12 because it tidily follows the existing A417 route, doing much LESS DAMAGE to the surrounding landscape and our community, by just widening the route.

Route 12 is better for the ENVIRONMENT/atmosphere with lower speed limits of 50 mph producing less CO2 POLLUTION and the precedent is set on many motorways already to improve air quality. N.B. Heads of the Valleys Road construction reduced speed limit to 50mph from 70mph was advantageous for the environment

Route 12 offers minimal disruption to lorries because whatever route lorries would unlikely get above 50mph because of the significant uphill and/or downhill gradients.

Route 12 improves road safety, improves journey times, reduces rat-running through villages and improves pollution, whilst, UNLIKE option 30, PRESERVES our wildlife, our farms, our landscape & our footpaths.

Route 12 should be re-considered because NEW INFORMATION is now available secondary to new COVID working practises, Brexit and proposed changes to the speed limit on the existing A417. The country is going electric/ hydrogen. The ambition will be to have less vehicles on the road, more people working at home and greater use of public transport. Route 12 ENABLES ALL THIS AT LESS COST AND LESS DAMAGE.