

As a resident of Cowley I feel that the process of consultation has been flawed and inadequate.

1. At the consultation of 30 September at Kingsholm, the maps of the proposed development failed to include Cowley. Consultants admitted they had not visited the area of the proposed route, the village or the surrounding lanes. For example, they had no idea of the total unsuitability of Cowley Lane to be used as part of Cowley Junction. Consultants could not answer any questions as to the impact of the development of Option 30 on the nearest community. There was no idea of how noise or air quality in the village would be affected. There still appears to have been no base line measurement of air quality in the village. The only map showing projected noise increase appears to have been based on one day's measurement in August...hardly adequate when considering the effect that changing wind direction and temperature throughout the year can have on the distance that road noise travels.

2. Alarmingly this lack of first hand knowledge has persisted. Discussing the proposed Cowley Junction during a Zoom meeting for the last consultation in November 2020 the road engineer had no idea that the road which could have to take HGV traffic (Bubbs Hill) is very narrow, steep and winding with no passing places.

3. Whilst understanding the reasons for the virtual format of the last consultation there were households of long standing residents of Cowley who were unable to access or participate in the process. These limitations also impinge on the validity of the consultation process.

4. There have been no meetings or public exhibition within the village to be most affected. Despite invitations from several residents , National Highways has not been in evidence. Significant amendments to the line of the road and junctions have been made without any discussion or consultations.

I would like the ExA to consider whether the consultation process has been valid or adequate. The village of Cowley is the community most impacted by this development and I feel that we have not been consulted in a meaningful way and that the village and the particular "untapped beauty" (National Highways' words!) of the area have been ignored.