

I would like to comment on document 8.3 submitted by National Highways on 16th December 2021. In particular section 2.9.4 refers to a forecast of a significant increase in traffic along Cowley Lane. This increase equates to an increase of over 1,000 %. I am not clear which section of road "Cowley Lane" refers to and wrote to National Highways on December 21st seeking clarification, to date I have received no response.

I understood that the Cowley Lane over bridge was to be used exclusively by farm traffic from Stockwell Farm and this was also the understanding of my Parish Councillors, so am unclear as to where all this additional traffic is travelling from and to. It is extremely concerning as all the lanes through the village are single lane , with no lighting, pavements or passing places. The speed limit throughout the village is 60 mph so any increase in traffic will make it even more dangerous for walkers, cyclists and horse riders who frequent these lanes.

Can the ExA be appraised as to the following:

How can this increase in rat running be acceptable when one of the main stated aims of this scheme was to reduce rat running through the surrounding villages?

Has the road itself been assessed for its suitability to carry such a significant increase in traffic?

Has there been an assessment into the safety issues for drivers and other road users?

Has there been an environmental impact assessment in respect of this significant increase in traffic? Has consideration been given to the sensitive nature of the centre of the village which is a conservation area?

Has the modelling on the noise and air pollution been updated?

When were NH aware of this significant forecasted increase in traffic? When were these figures made public?

Why has there been no consultation with the residents of the village as to the impact this significant increase in traffic will have on them ?

How are NH planning to mitigate against this increase?