

Responses to Relevant Representations dated Dec 21

Para 2.9.4, Page 15

It is extremely worrying to see that the two-way Annual Average Daily Traffic flows increase from 18 to 188 vehicles with the scheme on Cowley Lane. Considering this is a poor, single carriage road with minimal passing points, can the ExA be satisfied that this is an acceptable impact on the village of Cowley?

In addition, it is now proposed that Cowley Wood Lane would provide access for residents and walkers, cyclists and horse riders only. Noting the quality and size of the road, is the ExA satisfied that access can be controlled in a manner that ensures the road is not used for rat running?

Para 2.11.4, Page 17

Is the ExA content that the one community that will be adversely affected by the proposed scheme was adequately consulted, and that it is deemed correct that no consultations took place in the village, whilst they took place in other locations that were not impacted in such a major way?

Para 2.15.19, Page 26

Is the ExA satisfied that signage and other measures would make access to Cowley via Cowley Wood Lane arrangements clear and prevent access by general traffic?

I note that there are no comments with regards to the 'volatile microclimate' (quote Highways England), and the effects it may have on safety. Is the ExA satisfied that the microclimate that exists in the area of the proposed scheme has been assessed satisfactorily, and that its existence will not result in a reduced speed limit, which in essence would negate the need for Option 30?

In addition, there is still no explanation as to why the two options, with the same traffic flow assumptions, had very different design solutions for junctions to serve the local road networks, and whether this was done to keep both options within the upper budget limit. The rationale between the two designs is very unclear. Can the ExA be appraised as to the monetised costs and benefits if both options had had similar junction layouts as presented at the time of the initial consultation?