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Having read the responses made to written representations, I am not still satisfied that Cowley residents and businesses have been properly consulted and their views taken into account. The difference between the road position presented during the consultation meeting I attended in Brockworth and where the road ended up under the guise of 'best land fit' represents a movement of the road towards Cowley of approx 230m. This scale of alteration should have triggered a new consultation as it is essentially a different option and the increased negative impact of this new option was not adequately discussed with villagers.

The traffic through Cowley is expected to increase 1000% during and after the development of the A417 option 30. The roads into the village are all single track and without passing spaces and constantly potholed due to flash-flooding. Maintenance has been poor.

Access to the A417 via A436 could be problematic and lead to worsened rat running through the village.

The environmental damage that would be caused by option 30 would be deeply regrettable when it is possible to achieve the same goal through simply widening the existing road.