

I regularly walk my dogs up Cowley Lane, and on most occasions at least 5 cars will pass me during the 10-15 minutes it takes me to climb the hill. I also work from home with a window overlooking Cowley Lane and can easily observe the flow of traffic during a day. I note that in the Issue Specific Hearing 2, Highways stated that only 18 cars use Cowley Lane daily. I really find it hard to believe this forecast is correct, and I do not understand how Highways could have reached such a value and I would like to ask for clarification as to how this extremely low count has been obtained! I am concerned for my safety and for that of all the other walkers, cyclists and horse riders and children who live in the village, when you consider Highways forecast a +600% increase in traffic, and the speed limit is 60mph.

At the bottom of Cowley Lane, the road also goes through a Conservation Area.

Question: Can the ExA be assured that Highways have carried out a proper and thorough assessment of this road in terms of capacity, safety, and impact on our village.

Question: Can the ExA be assured that Highways have even visited this site to make their assessments?

Question: Can the ExA be assured that the Applicant has assessed the safety relating to the increased traffic, noting that the speed limit is 60mph.

Question: Can the ExA be assured that the Applicant and the Joint Council have assessed the impact of this forecasted increase in traffic on the Cowley Conservation Area.

Question: Can the ExA be assured by the Joint Council that Cowley Lane is currently suitable for such traffic volume.

Cowley is in a way unique in that it has 5 single tracked roads that enter the centre of the Village. These roads are all in poor repair, have poor visibility, and have limited passing places.

Question: Can the ExA be assured that the Applicant and the Joint Council have assessed the suitability of all these roads considering the predicted increase in traffic.

Question: Currently if there is an accident on the A436 or the A417, Cowley is used as an alternative route, and due to the poor nature of the roads, it is not uncommon for the roads to become gridlocked. Can the ExA be assured that the Applicant has carried out proper analysis of what would happen if there were accidents/blockages on either the proposed A417 or the A436.