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ï»¿ I am a young person living in Cowley and extremely concerned about what the generations before me are doing to the environment. What you do now will not affect you, but leave a legacy for my generation and what comes after to try and sort out. Environmentally, this scheme does not make any sense to destroy farmland that may be needed in the future when there is an existing road which could be widened with no land grab.

The world has changed over the last two years, we have had Brexit, will we as a nation need to be more self sufficient? Not so many lorries arriving from the Eu. We have had a pandemic where more people are now working from home and attitudes have changed and are more aware of their surroundings.

I am still worried that not enough has been done to ensure that this is an environmentally-led scheme, we are in the middle of a climate emergency, this proposed route will damage the natural environment, historical features and areas that are vital for biodiversity. There is no need for a new scar in the AONB which will be seen for miles across the Severn valley. Frequent low cloud, fog and general poor weather naturally occurring at the highest point of the Cotswolds, regardless of the road design, demands a lower speed limit safety-wise and for the environment, currently on the political agenda.

The existing road was built in the 1980's and option 30 then was not the preferred the option.

Could The ExA be appraised to ask the applicant if they researched why Option 30 was rejected at that time and what has changed to make it their preferred route now.