

The Queen's Green Canopy (QGC) is a unique tree planting initiative created to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee in 2022 which invites people from across the United Kingdom to "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee".

This is a project that has spread across the Commonwealth with countries all over the world taking part and, during a televised discussion with Sir David Attenborough in Windsor Great Park, Her Majesty said that perhaps it would help with Climate Change

HRH Prince Charles has publicly endorsed the slogan "Plant a Tree for the Jubilee" and has told the British people that, as well as inviting the planting of new trees, QGC will highlight 70 unique and irreplaceable Ancient Woodlands across the United Kingdom and identify 70 Ancient Trees to celebrate Her Majesty's 70 years of service.

The Government has also pledged the planting of 70 million trees to celebrate the Jubilee, their new Environment Act, which became law last November, includes a binding duty on the Government to halt species decline across England by 2030.

How then can National Highways be permitted to construct Option 30, a road that would devastate three farms, two small and one large, 5kms of old established hedgerow, countless mature trees and a small ancient woodland. The area abounds with flora and fauna, much of it on the vulnerable scale, and the destruction of the beautiful Cotswold landscape would be irreversible and unforgivable.

This project flies in the face of Government strategy, world opinion and the edicts of National Highways' own Environmental pledges. The latest UN Climate Change report and recommendations, to which ALL world nations have signed up, states that we have 3 years to change the way we work otherwise, in the words of Antonio Guterres, "we are on the fast track to disaster".

I heard somebody say recently "Birdlip needs this road" WRONG, Like dozens of communities nationwide Birdlip needs some alleviation to its traffic problems and Option 12 would serve the purpose equally well, as indeed would some lesser scheme. It would appear however that this issue has become more about Birdlip than the needs of the travelling public and the planet.

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From the documents submitted during the process it would seem that National Highways have had scant regard for the CEPP Rules governing such an Application e.g. CEPP Submission in response to Deadline 7 which states that NH's responses in respect of emissions was "riddled with flaws" with a recommendation that the Examination be suspended until they did the work. Why was it not suspended ?

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How would we explain to today's children that we deliberately chose this option when there was a viable alternative readily available which would not destroy any of this beautiful landscape, or its abundant wildlife ?

Can the additional costs involved to create this monstrosity be

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