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Sirs

Please pass to the Inspectors deciding on the issue , and prior to the meeting in 27.6.23.

I read a document recently in which the applicant concluded that the 2 potential routes for the bridge were so similar that it was not worth changing to the alternative site.

What they seemed to have deliberately ignored was 1. The distance from the closest housing and 2. The comparative height between the bridge and houses .

In its original position the bridge would have to be a lot higher and therefore obtrusive because the A12 is steeply banked at that point - so that from the houses nearby the traffic is at first floor level.

The applicant seems very keen that walkers in South Witham be able to walk to Maldon Road and that seems to be a key reason due sticking to the original route.

What they seem to ignore is that we can already walk to Maldon Rd by walking up Ashby Close , along Pondholton Drive turning onto Maltings Lane and then onto Maldon Road - less than a 5 minute walk.

The alternative site would actually add something as it would be a safer point to cross Maldon Rd and then onto James Cooke Woods. The applicant seems to throw doubt on the engagement of the owner of Oliver's garden centre but this is not accurate . The Inspectors will need to satisfy themselves on this rather than believing the Applicant , before deciding.

We seem to be suffering from the decision of the Applicant to purchase rights to use one parcel of land but not the other, and then not wanting the hassle of having to change . It is this extra work that seems to be driving them to overlook the very obvious differences between the impacts of the 2 sites.

Thank you for considering

Mrs R Woodgate

Sent from my iPhone