



**CORRIDOR BETWEEN THE A34 MILTON INTERCHANGE AND THE B4015
NORTH OF CLIFTON HAMPDEN**

CASE REF: APP/U3100/V/23/3326625

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I recognise that Professor Goodwin is in a difficult and unpredictable situation in terms of his contribution to the Inquiry and it is probable that he will be unable to meet the extended deadline for the submission of evidence. He may also be unable to attend the Inquiry.

I have sought the views of Oxford County Council on this matter and have given careful consideration as to how Professor Goodwin's evidence, which is likely to be of a technical nature, could be accommodated, whilst remaining fair to all parties. I also understand that there is no certainty that Professor Goodwin will be in a position to submit the intended evidence.

I am reluctant to accept a written statement from Professor Goodwin shortly before the Inquiry opens. His evidence is likely to include matters in relation to the reliability of traffic forecasts; an assessment of any induced traffic generated by additional road capacity; the calculation and valuation of time savings and changes in congestion; official advice on treatment of issues of uncertainty and alternative future scenarios and the valuation of carbon emissions. Even if his evidence is taken as read, these are all technical matters that the appellant and I will need to consider. I shall also need to address these matters in my Report. The appellant may also wish to respond to these matters in advance of the Inquiry through rebuttal evidence, particularly since Professor Goodwin may not be available to answer questions.

In the circumstances I agree to a further extension of time in relation to Professor Goodwin's evidence until **12 noon on 6 February 2024**. The evidence should be sent to the Programme Officer and cross copied to the applicant. I will also allow the applicant to submit a rebuttal statement by **noon on 13 February 2024**. Again this should be cross copied to POETS.

I appreciate that this does not provide as much flexibility as sought by POETS, but I consider it to be the fairest and most equitable way forward given the difficult and unpredictable circumstances.

Lesley Coffey

PLANNING INSPECTOR

25.01.24