

Comment for planning application R3.0138/21

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Comments	<p>Garsington Parish Council object to the HIF1 road scheme.</p> <p>We are concerned that this road will deliver significantly higher volumes of traffic to the Golden Balls roundabout and put excessive pressure on both the A4074 to Oxford and the B4015 which connects with the B480 to Garsington and Stadhampton. This will result in these roads requiring future costly upgrades with the associated environmental impacts. Are there not less damaging and less costly alternatives ?</p> <p>The County and District Councils have all declared climate emergencies and HIF1 would undermine their net zero targets by increasing emissions at the very time we need to be urgently reducing them.</p> <p>The project conflicts with the Local Transport and Connectivity Plan (LTCP) which was recently adopted by the County Council and requires a reduction of 1 in 4 car trips by 2030, and a further reduction of 1 in 3 car trips by 2040 to deliver a net zero transport network. HIF1 will result in increased car trips as evidence shows that new roads actually induce further demand.</p> <p>We understand that the current scheme promoted by Oxfordshire County Council would cost at least 300 million and that the County will need to borrow at least 30 million, likely costing 1.8m annually (6% interest) to pay for it. It will also need to divert a further 26 million from local sources that could be put to better uses, to make up the balance. This seems entirely inappropriate when that money could be spent on improved public transport and active travel infrastructure to better connect our towns and villages.</p> <p>Oxfordshire's green spaces are already under heavy pressure. A major new road cutting across open countryside and wildlife habitats will make matters much worse and open up further areas of Greenbelt for development. There is already an adequate supply of housing land (over 5 years) in both the Vale and SODC to meet local housing plans.</p> <p>Yours sincerely,</p> <p>Lorna Stevenson on behalf of Garsington Parish Council</p>
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