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Dear Sirs

Re: Proposed North Abingdon & North West Abingdon Developments at Abingdon-on-Thames

First of all, I refer you again to my letter of 2 April 2014.

I cannot "recreate" the emotion of that letter here, as it came about by me sitting at my computer, writing my thoughts on this proposal down on paper and "seeing what came out"! However, I would say that the sentiments of that letter remain the same, if not more so.

Of course, since my last letter, some of the more specific aspects of this scheme have changed in that the proposed development above has risen in number from 610 houses to 1000.

I would reiterate the points made in my previous letter with regard to people needing "green spaces" and the "unattractive" location of certain of these houses under the embankment of the A34 (in what is sometimes referred to as the "circus" field).

I must comment again, however, on the "new" crossing on Dunmore Road. Questioning again the fact that this was part of the proposed scheme **if** these developments got approved, these lights have now been in operation for a while - rather than ease the current traffic situation, they have managed to bring another part of Abingdon to a standstill, and this is without **any** additional housing being built!! Certainly, when I leave for work shortly after 7.30 (i.e. not at what you would necessarily call "peak hours" (before the school run)), traffic is backed up as far as Farm Road and beyond. In fact, this crossing appears to have now become a separate "issue" in its own right, as well as being part of the proposed new developments!

The crossing "situation" is also exacerbated by the new road layout at the roundabout and the lack of clear guidance since its installation as to how to approach it! Should one drive "inside" the white line surrounding the roundabout or not? It's not a continuous white line (if you look closely) yet it has an air of "do not cross" about it!!

I would also have to question the cost of having the crossing installed against its usage. I am still more likely to see people waiting to cross at the Copenhagen Drive

side of the roundabout (both ways), I can count the number of times I have stopped at this crossing on one hand! In fact, when the circus was in town recently, I allowed a group of people, including several in wheelchairs, to cross “safely” in front of my car at Copenhagen Drive. I believe they were a group from the care home in Springfield Drive, who had seemingly kept to the most direct “path” from that location, were waiting to cross Copenhagen Drive, and off to see the circus!!

Finally, I hope that the busy Christmas preparations have not stopped people commenting on this proposal at this stage. As I said before I am not usually one to be so “public” with my comments, but felt this time I had to “stand up and be counted”. Just talking to friends, work colleagues etc, I know of several people who are also against these plans, but who unfortunately would never dream of putting pen to paper to object; I’m sure I’m not alone in this situation. One can only hope that the people who have objected to these proposals have done so in such a way as to keep this land “available” to all.

Again, my request would be to please reject these proposals.

Yours faithfully

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