

THE GREEN BELT AND THE NEW PROPOSED ROAD

Points to consider regarding the wishes of the people of Shippon who want the village to remain within the Green Belt and the ensuing development of the airfield and in particular, the proposed new road from Barrow Road through the southern part of the airfield to link up with the Old Faringdon Road which is a dead end at present.

Why can't Shippon remain in the green belt? It is a small village and can remain so and will not interfere with proposed housing development of 1,200 homes nearby. In my 33 years of living here there has only been 7 new village houses built, **the buildings fitting into the overall character of the village.** The new houses proposed for the airfield, no matter how lovely they may be, will stick out and look **completely incompatible** with the original village, therefore cutting it in two. They will look like a separate village entirely, which I believe has been designated as a garden village and will grow and grow in the long term and **utterly destroy** the nature of Shippon as it is at present. Why do this when there is a blank canvas and lots of space for the planners to create something special without having a "tacked on" old village in one corner.

THE ROAD.

I have looked at the dimensions of the proposed new Road and the NO PARKING restrictions. This looks like a RING ROAD and as such should have no private driveways exiting on to it which will be a hazard. The present ring road around Abingdon, Dunmore Road, and Audlett Drive only has roads from housing estates linked to it.

Consider the residents here, we all have visitors, some have carers several times a day, medical deliveries, on line deliveries, refuse collections, utility vehicles, workmen, and ambulances all come along the Road and need to PARK in order to carry out their business. Some parents need to deliver/pick up school children from drop off points within the village as the road is considered to be too dangerous for young school children to be dealing with road traffic. With 1,200 houses planned for further along the road and many more parents

having to do the same, you can imagine how busy the road will become with a potential 600 extra cars using it

Traffic uses Shippon as an alternative to travelling along Marcham Road into Abingdon as this road is often congested. Traffic then filters into Abingdon via Faringdon Road and Spring Road or Bath Street. As the roads become more congested there will be a need for an alternative way into Abingdon and to the east of the town. I would suggest an extension to the proposed ring road from Dunmore Road coming into Shippon near Long Tow and linking up with Barrow Road. With no information about what will happen to the MOD houses, it therefore seems more sensible to have the Shippon "ring road" going around the existing houses in the village (including the larger MOD houses) and where there is space for a road, and will not be far from the proposed road. This would maintain the village as it is. The existing Faringdon Road would remain untouched or be used as a service road. Again, looking at the space needed for the new road as it is proposed at present, I cannot see how the existing beautiful established trees lining the north of this road can be saved. It would be a tragedy if they had to be chopped down.

No one wants a busy road running past their door especially with no parking on the road allowed, the houses would also be unsellable. We have a blank canvas, so much space and it should not be beyond the planners to look at an alternative route and keep any new road AWAY from the front of houses. There are several available.

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I do hope this is not wasted exercise.