

Dear Sirs

Having attended the recent WODC exhibition at the Elderbank Hall, Brize Norton I am still no clearer as to why you have diverted from your stated preference towards the West option and now wish to build on the East.

At previous presentations you highlighted a number of clear advantages towards the West option. These included green field views, closer proximity to Carterton town centre, under capacity in nearby schools etc etc.

What has occurred to make you change your mind? The advantages of the West still remain the same or is there something I have missed?

Instead you are now proposing that 700 families should buy homes that offer a panoramic view of Britain's largest military airfield with all the resultant noise and kerosene pollution.

My main concern is the impact these new homes will have on our historic village.

Flooding is an on-going problem in Brize Norton and we need MORE 'space for water' not LESS.

Having seen the veritable 'lake' in front of the RAF medical unit last week only reinforces my view. And this is adjacent to the proposed East site!

Several residents who attended our village meeting after your exhibition described their current flooding experiences in vivid and human terms. No wonder there is such concern.

Traffic through our village at peak times is already more than our narrow road can safely cope with. New residents, unable to find employment locally, will add to this problem as they avoid the gridlocked A40 hoping the A420 is a better option as they travel to work in Oxford and further afield.

It would appear WODC are rushing ahead to build new homes without any plans for road improvements. The expression 'joined up thinking' comes to mind

I sincerely hope this is a 'consultation period'.and that the views of Brize Norton residents will be properly taken into account. We are a village with a strong community spirit and we will go to great lengths to support a cause close to our hearts. This is evidenced by the enterprise shown in raising funds to repair the roof of St Britius church. Feelings are running high in the village to stop the East option becoming a reality.

Let us hope you will study our objections, act accordingly and bury the East option where it belongs.

Yours sincerely