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Dear Sirs,

Re: Proposed further development and expansion of Carterton to the East

I wish to register my objections in the strongest of terms to the above proposed development. I am particularly disappointed that I am having to repeat this exercise in view of the fact that the opposition at recent meetings has been vociferous but totally ignored.

Brize Norton has already suffered as a result of the last development with extreme flooding and severe traffic problems [both of which we were promised would not happen but we knew would] to name but two. Not only is this area green field it is a flood plain and supports a great deal of wildlife. We were also promised that the buses would not be affected but of course they have been.

The two Council Representatives who spoke at one of these so called 'consultation' meetings mentioned, in passing, the wonderful link road to take traffic to the A40 but failed to explain where it would go when it reached there! It is already a giant car park in the rush hour and beyond. They also failed to acknowledge that a good deal of traffic leaves the area through the village towards the A420 [they failed to acknowledge this last time]. I think they did, however, manage to grasp the strength of feeling against this further encroachment towards our village which the Country Park was supposed to address. They did appear to grasp the fact that no-one present at the meeting shopped in Carterton.

No consideration seems to have been given to the extra traffic etc., which has been caused by the relocation of the RAF Lyneham workforce. Where will the wives and family work, not locally I imagine. This is going to generate a great deal of traffic. A vastly increased level of noise pollution has also been a result of the move as is the stomach churning smell and oil residue from aviation fuel.

As far as I am aware the Local Plan excludes any further development towards Brize Norton and mentions a 'buffer zone'. I am not aware that this has changed. We were promised when Shilton Park was built that the area between Monohan Way and our Village would be kept clear of development. The current proposal is a totally inadequate and very small strip of land.

It would make much more sense to complete the circle around Witney which, with the new shopping centre and facilities, is turning into a vibrant town with the infrastructure to cope with an expanded population. It is becoming a very desirable place to shop and live.

It seems to me that, if there is a need for further development at all, and I find that debateable, the West of the town would be more sensible from a point of view of infrastructure and encouraging people into the town centre.

I feel that the residents of Brize Norton have already suffered enough and this proposal shows a complete lack of understanding of the local issues and electorate that live in the area.

Yours faithfully