

Email update from Ian Corkin

To: Parish Chairs and Clerks: Please forward to all parish councillors, but not for wider verbatim transmission please.

Good afternoon all

Please find a further update to my email at the end of March:

- **Jnc 10 Applications:** The Tritax application is now in and CDC have notified the Planning Inspectorate. At the moment, there is no update on the method of determination. CDC officers tell me:
 - There have been a lot of lot of objections from Stoke Lynn, but very little from anywhere else (I have not checked myself). It is absolutely vital that all PC's respond and that they encourage their residents to do so.
 - Highways remains a major factor. There is currently a National Highways holding objection in place until the end of July (which means CDC can not determine it until that is lifted). They expect that to be extended to the end of October and don't expect anything to go to committee until the autumn at the earliest. Despite cut off dates, letters of objection will be accepted until the very last minute.
 - The Bicester Transport Model will form the basis of the traffic modelling. It is currently undergoing a major overhaul to make sure it is fully up to date with other local developments and to ensure it is aligned to the Annual Monitoring Report
- **Strategic Rail Freight Interchange:** This one too has a long way to run yet. I can brief as follows:
 - OCC are producing an initial technical paper for OCC cabinet, probably in July. I will get an advance copy so I can prepare
 - It will not include any of the transport issues as this work is not yet done and is also pending the updated Bicester Model. It will be a huge piece of work
 - In any event, in relation to jnc 10 it will need to:
 - Demonstrate that it is not of a scale that over provides capacity at the junction and therefore encourages further drive traffic
 - It will require the approval of National Highways and others
 - Will take into account all of the cumulative impacts
 - It is silent on north/south traffic at Weston on the Green and Middleton Stoney
 - It is critical that parishes respond to the various consultations. They may want to explore some of the above reasons as well as:
 - Can the application demonstrate need? The environmental statement is woolly at best
 - Is the Chiltern Line suitable as a freight line?
 - Heritage impacts on Heyford Park flying field
 - Archaeology. It is a reasonable question to ask is the methodology is robust and whether it shown anything that

could be a constraint to the scheme. (I understand early signs are positive and there is some very significant archaeology coming to light, including banjo enclosures from the mid British iron age (circa 400 BC to 40 AD) as well as later Roman remains.)

I still maintain that this is nothing more than an application for a VERY large logistics park, dressed up as a strategic rail freight terminal. Why? Firstly, because CDC would not grant permission for a stand alone logistic park in this location, but the addition of rail freight elevates it to a national infrastructure project, bypassing the local planning authority. Secondly, unbelievably, the developers don't have to prove that the rail freight addition is viable, they just have to provide the sidings, whether they ever do anything or not is irrelevant. I will do more digging on this

- **Launton:** CDC turned down the planning application so expect to see it at appeal soon. I'd like to thank former CDC councillor David Hughes for all the work he did on this. He was a very strong champion for our rural communities and will be sorely missed.
- **Hawkwell Village:** Nothing to add at the moment
- **Gt Wolf:** Nothing to add at the moment
- **Siemens Jnc 9:** Application is now in and as promised, they have provided, at their cost, a 20% betterment to flood attenuation. This will be a real help in managing future flooding events in Wendlebury. I am arranging a Q&A with officers from OCC and CDC for affected parishes.
- **South of Green Lane Chesterton:** Nothing to add at the moment
- **Lone Star at Lodge Farm, Chesterton:** Currently clarifying the situation.
- **Heyford Park 20mph zone:** It looks like everything has been approved now, so just waiting confirmation of installation.
- **Heyford Park 250 Bus Service:** Meeting postponed due to officer availability and pending new funding bid. It will take place this month
- **Little Chesterton Gated Road:** Discussions are ongoing
- **Stratton Audley:** Stim some work to do restoring the Poundon Road post construction activity and I am following up on noise conditions re the drift track at Bicester Motion.
- **Flooding:** The results of the Ardley Brook hydrostatic survey are now in, modelling a 1 in 100 year event and a 1 in 1000 year event. They are currently being sense checked prior to the next stage
- **Viridor Liaison Group:** Unbelievably, There is a proposal to reopen the landfill site at Ardley, potentially taking in another 180Ktonnes of waste by truck every year. Given it's advanced state of restoration, I was amazed by this. The following is an extract from the meeting minutes. As I said at the time, this is an enormously retrograde step and I will do whatever I can to stop it.

“on the 1st April Viridor sold it's Landfill assets to a third party. The entire site (Landfill and ERF) is now owned by two separate entities. All Landfill assets and staff have moved to Valencia Waste. Under the

legal planning agreement there will still be interaction between the two sites.

Valencia Waste Management Ltd are looking to utilise the acquired assets and I have been tasked with determining whether there is opportunity to fill the valley are with soils or waste and whether this is a viable option going forward”

My apologies if I've missed anything, do please drop me a line if you have any questions. Finally very well done to all the very many community volunteers who made the Platinum Jubilee celebrations such a huge success in our villages.

Best Regards
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