

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

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Good afternoon all,

With regard to the previous points below, the only changes/additions are:

- **Siemens Jnc 9 Planning Application:** This will come to committee on 14<sup>th</sup> of July with an officer recommendation for approval, subject to conditions.
- **Heyford Park 250 Bus Service:** Negotiations have been very slow. However, I am continuing to push officers for a solution for the surrounding villages. For reasons previously described I do not think we will secure a direct bus service into Oxford. However, I am hopeful we will be able to preserve a service for the villages immediately surrounding Heyford Park into Bicester and onward into Oxford by train, hopefully with joint ticketing. I do not represent the villages of Kirtlington, Bletchington and Hampton Poyle, at County, but I understand that OCC is planning to use the recently granted Bus Service Improvement Plan money from the government to replace the 250 through these villages with Demand Responsive Transport (DRT) – buses which can be booked in advance. These buses are likely to run to and from Oxford Parkway station, from where passengers can connect with bus or rail services to Oxford and Bicester. I will update as soon as I have more news
- **Proposals to Reopen Ardley Landfill:** Valencia, the new owners of Ardley Landfill Site, are seeking permission to reopen landfill operations. I consider it totally unacceptable to destroy all of the landscaping completed to date, the increase in HGV's on our already busy roads, not to mention reintroducing a totally unsustainable way of managing waste. They are holding a public consultation on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 2 to 8pm at Ardley Village Hall. From the 13<sup>th</sup> you can also view the information on line at [www.ardleylandfill.co.uk](http://www.ardleylandfill.co.uk) The application will be heard by OCC and I will keep everyone posted as it progresses.
- **EWR/HS2 HGV Aggregate Trucks:** Over recent weeks local villages have been blighted by aggregate trucks running from Bunkers Hill to various compounds in and around Bicester and Buckingham. Chesterton were very badly affected, then this swapped to Lower Heyford. It has taken a lot of sorting out: Both projects are done under acts of parliament, which changes the normal planning powers, and those that do exist are split between district and county council, adding an additional layer of complexity. In the end, it was established that the only routing agreements in place were for close approaches to the compounds. That meant that it was down to negotiating with the hauliers to use more appropriate routes, rather than being able to compel them to do so. I am happy to say that I have had confirmation today that the hauliers have now agreed to use the A34 to jnc9 of M40, which will relieve the pressure on villages such as Kirtlington, Chesterton, Lower Heyford and Caulcott.
- **HGV Environmental Weight Restrictions:** Following the very costly and unsuccessful HGV restriction through Burford, which simply displaced HGV traffic into surrounding villages, the county council are now developing an approved HGV route policy. County Hall is a chaotic place these days, so don't expect it to be quick, but they have been clear that there will be no more ad hoc environmental weight restrictions until the work is done.