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Dear Inspectors,

In my original submission I pointed out that the traffic through Cassington either to or from Yarnton or on the Burleigh Road has increased hugely as motorists try to avoid the congestion on the A40 and use Cassington as a way to avoid the chaos. The result is heavy traffic through the village, not adhering to the 20mph limit, and an increasing number of dangerous potholes on both Yarnton and Burleigh roads. (Part of Yarnton Road has just been resurfaced as a result)

At the Thursday hearing on transport I found the developer's response to the increase of traffic from the project disingenuous. They said that there will be minimal disruption and explained their response by saying as there is already a lot of traffic, the project traffic would have little extra effect whereas if the traffic had been light, the project would have made a significant impact. This is actually playing with facts. The roads around us are already at breaking point and will be far worse when the council does roadworks to add a bus lane on the A40. It can already take us an hour to do the 4 miles into Oxford. ANY extra traffic, let alone years of heavy construction vehicles on our roads, is going to make a desperate situation even worse. It cannot be called an insignificant effect,

Thank you,

Ruth Atherstone 20054533