

Closing Statements from IPs

As an Interested Party many of my concerns regarding the Botley West development have been addressed elsewhere. I would like to mention that it has been a time consuming and complex process to try to obtain answers to specific questions, particularly as search terms typically throw up numerous documents with only a very tenuous link to the information sought and because the terminology used in these documents is difficult for a layperson to readily understand. I therefore apologise if the following point has already been covered.

I am seeking reassurance that the Applicant has provided specific information with regards to road safety and have given consideration to providing support to the community to address the increase in traffic (which for many local roads is already well beyond capacity). For example several village communities within the project area are under threat of losing their school bus provision (this is a recent development, hence highlighting it here for comment) and therefore there will be an increase in the number of school-age pedestrians navigating the local roads. Has the impact of the increase in vehicles (particularly HGVs) relating to the installation, maintenance and decommissioning of the project been assessed in terms of the potential impact on safe walking routes to schools? Can the Applicant consider subsidising safer road crossings and traffic calming measures? Giving just one example, the B4449 must be crossed by pedestrians using the main walking route from Cassington to Eynsham and this is within an area of proposed cabling for the development.