

Winchester District Local Plan Part 1 – Joint Core Strategy Public Examination

Comments on Modification 2.36 by R F Bickley

PUBLIC ROADS USE AND DIVERSIONS

ANDOVER ROAD

This road carries a tremendous amount of traffic as it is the main road to the north of Winchester. The traffic is varied, includes many heavy goods vehicles and distribution vans, in addition to cars and motor cycles being used by those travelling to and from their employment. As I understand the position, it is proposed to close part of Andover Road and direct all traffic through the Barton Farm development to emerge at Andover Road near the junction with Park Road.

It is well established that the city centre St. Georges Street is one of the most polluted in the country owing to traffic congestion. Thus, in view of the narrowness of Andover Road, this will inevitably lead to congestion and thus pollution being transferred to the Andover Road and others on the approach to the city centre.

It is illogical to divert a very busy main road through any new development at Barton Farm.

PARK ROAD

This is a very busy road connecting Andover Road and Worthy Road. It is used by cars, cyclists and pedestrians; the traffic is both local and is used in both directions by traffic from Andover Road to Worthy Road and vice versa. There is a very narrow railway bridge which must be approached with great care as it is not possible for two vehicles to pass; even vehicles and cyclists must negotiate with great care to pass each other. The trajectory of the road is such that with bends approaching the railway bridge it is difficult to see vehicles approaching and invariably one vehicle has to stop and sometimes reverse to allow passage for one vehicle.

WELL HOUSE LANE

This road carries a tremendous amount of traffic and is used by many approaching the city to the north from Alresford, Kingsworthy and other areas to join or cross the Andover Road at the junction with Harestock Road.

Traffic using Well House Lane has to negotiate a narrow bridge under the railway line and because of its narrowness it is not possible for two vehicles to pass and one must give way. This road is well used and any additional traffic will inevitably cause problems and hold ups thus increasing the possibility of pollution.

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