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Wycombe District Council  
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Dear Sirs

**Re: Wycombe District Council Proposed Expansion of Princes Risborough  
Culverton Link Road**

I am aware that Wycombe District Council plans to delay the construction of the Culverton Link Road until 2033 with the intention that should Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane would be used as an interim relief road route.

I wish to formally object to this proposal upon the following grounds:-

1. This will clearly increase traffic volume in both roads, including large construction vehicles which, in my opinion, will make the road unsafe for the existing residents, as well as pedestrians and cyclists.
2. Picts Lane and Shootacre Lane form part of the Chiltern Cycle Way link, whilst Picts Lane is on National Cycle Route 57 and links Horsenden to the Phoenix Trail. Clearly, increased traffic volumes will make both roads much more dangerous from a cycling perspective.
3. Both roads are also used regularly by horse riders to access the bridle way on Upper Icknield Way, and so again increased traffic will be a major safety issue.
4. A large section of Shootacre Lane does not have a pavement and heavier traffic will make it dangerous and unpleasant for pedestrians generally.
5. A number of properties in both roads do not have turning space for vehicles and, therefore, have to reverse on to and off the existing carriageways. Again increased traffic will make this unsafe, particularly for those properties with poor sight lines/visibility.

6. I understand the Council's decision about how much traffic will be accommodated on the interim route is based purely on junction capacity and has not, therefore, considered safety or other impacts on the existing residents.
7. I understand that it is also proposed to modify the road at the junction of Shootacre Lane with Picts Lane, which inevitably will increase the speed of vehicles passing through. This section of road is used by pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders, and many people crossing from this junction over the railway bridge (which has no path), as well as accessing the footpath to the railway station. I would suggest that upgrading this junction will bring such users into greater conflict with traffic, and so it will be potentially more dangerous than as existing.
8. Shootacre Lane is within the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and its special character should be protected. Clearly, using this as a relief road will harm what is currently a tranquil rural setting which provides direct access to the countryside.
9. The increased traffic flows will result in an increase in noise vibration and air pollution for all residents, and again have a direct impact upon the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

Taking all of the above factors into account, I would urge that the Culverton Link is brought forward into Phase 1 of the expansion plan, and that Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane are not considered for use as an interim relief road.

Yours faithfully

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