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Dear planning committee,

I have recently attended your meetings at Princes Risborough Community Centre and wish to respond to your plans.

Whilst I accept that the country needs more housing, this must be affordable, as especially as in this area it is not. It was stated at the meeting that some 40% would be social/part ownership. The new development that I live on boasts not to have any social housing. If the developer of this site can avoid paying 106 or CIL payments how can we expect other developers to pay. It would also seem that without this money we will not have the infrastructure necessary for such a large increase in population. There was a talk of a twelve million pound grant from central government to assist with this extra housing, but the panel seemed unsure whether it would be a loan or non-repayable grant. Can Princes Risborough really cope with an extra 2,500 new homes? I think not, but how can this be decreased?

I moved into Picts Lane, Princes Risborough twenty one months ago from Oddley Lane, Saunderton. Both Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane are unclassified roads and it would seem that the council has plans to change the layout at the junction of these two roads to assist the increased flow of traffic. There is only a footpath on one side of Picts Lane and the footpath does not extend to the whole of Shootacre Lane. We regularly have cycle events in our lanes and locally have the Phoenix Trail which is used by pedestrians and cyclists but with the increase in traffic how will anyone be able to cross the roads. It would appear that the traffic will be able to move at increased speed with little care for non drivers. The speed limit is 40mph in Shootacre and part of Picts Lane but does decrease to 30mph but how may cars take notice of this? On viewing many of the maps supplied by the council, it is unclear as to what happens when the traffic reaches the end of Picts Lane. I would like to see what is proposed as the state of the road and pavement is deplorable. Although the A4010 is busy, it is suitable for heavy traffic, neither Shootacre Lane or Picts Lane are suitable for heavy traffic. Also by not having "relief road" the need to change/build new railway bridges disappears.

There is also talk of the closing of Upper Icknield Way from the A4010 to the junction with Shootacre Lane. The junction on the A4010 was staggered some time ago now to make it safer. The Shootacre turn onto the A4010 does not have very clear vision and it seems folly to make this the only turn off of the busy road to gain access to Princes Risborough.

If all of the changes go ahead to our two lanes, can we please have a reduction of the speed limit with signs checking the speed, as there are in Longwick and when will we have more streetlights as they are certainly missing at the moment.

All of the proposed changes will certainly change the character of Princes Risborough and in my opinion not for the best. We can cope with small infill developments but not the large ones on your plans.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Katrina Good



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