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Subject: Princes Risborough Town Expansion.

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposals contained in the Princes Risborough Consultation regarding Picts Lane and Shootacre Lane following a meeting with my constituents involved in the Princes Risborough Bypass Action Group. My constituents explained that the current proposals do not include the new Culverton Link Road in the Phase One infrastructure planning will mean that traffic will increase down Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane.

My constituents are concerned that these proposals will create an unsafe situation for non-motorised road users such as cyclists and horse riders. Indeed, the road is part of the national cycle network, with the Sustrans Phoenix Trail between Thame and Princes Risborough running down Picts Lane. My constituents fear that an increase in traffic as well as HGV movement could impede safety on this narrow road. Moreover, Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane do not have pavements all the way down their length thus increasing the danger for pedestrians. I am inclined to agree that this proposal would make both Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane less safe for pedestrians and non-motorised transport.

In addition, I am concerned that the road would also be impractical for HGV movements as at points both lanes narrow, and I question whether heavy goods traffic could pass safely without mounting the grass verges, further endangering pedestrians and other road users. Indeed, the junction at Shootacre Lane and Picts Lane, before the railway bridge, is quite tight and I would suggest need substantial alteration to make safe for all road users ultimately adding to the costs of the scheme.

Furthermore, I understand that the scheme to make both Shootacre and Picts Lane viable will cost in excess of £400,000 whereas the Culverton Link Road is £2.6 million. It seems to me that the best use of this £400,000 designated for temporary road alterations would be better spent on the permanent Culverton Link Road.

I would welcome any comments that you may have on the points outlined above and I would be grateful if these comments could be counted toward the Consultation in general. I will send a paper copy of this correspondence to Cllr Katrina Wood for her information.

Yours sincerely,

David Lidington
Member of Parliament for Aylesbury

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