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Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to express my concern over the proposals contained in the Princes Risborough Consultation regarding Picts Lane and Shootacre Lane following concerns raised by local Residents to me as their County Councillor for the Ridgeway West Division which abuts Princes Risborough.

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.

Concerns have been raised 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. These Residents fear that there will be an increase in traffic as well as HGV movements which 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 tend 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 are very 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 there is a need for a 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.

Kind regards

Carl
Cllr Carl Etholen
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