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CHALGROVE AIRFIELD DEVELOPMENT

Dear Sir,

I am writing to you to forward my views and others of the final consultation of Chalgrove STRAT 7.

INFRASTRUCTURE

I fail to see how the councillor's we have installed in very important positions can ever come up with ideas as the Chalgrove Airfield Development. Obviously, they have no idea of what the word **Infrastructure** means. First problem being the **Road Structure**, there is not one, so we need to have a By Pass around Watlington first, then another around Cuxham as Articulated lorries proceeding in opposite directions cannot pass. The B480 is a straight road built as a by-pass for Chalgrove village, they are now going to move this to go through the new development with restricted speed limits, The B480 is used by Artics throughout the day serving Monument Park Industrial Estate (where I Work). If they use the new route or start using the old village road, this is bringing danger to children in the new development plus the vibration of large vehicles going through the old village street would be damaging to all the old listed buildings on the high street. The road from junction 7 of the M40 through Stadhampton to Oxford again would have to be redeveloped with a bypass around them. This alone would cost Millions. We also have no train station, few buses,

Martin Baker

Martin Baker has occupied the site since taking it over after the war, they have no intention of relinquishing their lease as they feel it is dangerous to have housing that close to an active runway, plus the company using and shipping high explosives in for there use. The runway is also available as an emergency landing strip for aircraft in trouble, plus John Radcliff hospital use the runway to bring medical supplies in. It is also used by several private plane owners to house their jets.

Martin Baker has stated in public that they cannot relocate to another airfield, plus any housing on the site would not be compatible with their business stating that it is not conducive to have housing next to an active runway as this is very **Dangerous**

They are saying that the runway would be moved to the other side of the site at a cost of 12 million, this shows only one runway whereas at the present time there is two main runways plus taxi ways.

They say that RAF Benson no longer use the field, living in the flight path of Benson we have helicopters flying past most days, on some of these days a lot of the exercises are over the airfield.

Lastly Martin Baker has been part of Chalgrove for a very long time and we all live in harmony so when something like this raises it head, we all look after one another.

Flooding

If you lived in Chalgrove you would be aware of the very delicate situation we have with dealing with the water that is distributed from the Fields, Roads, Houses from Chalgrove to Watlington and further. My property backs on to the Back Brook which takes the main flow with overflow going down the high street. Over a normal winter the brook fills to the top to a depth of approximately 2-3ft, it just about copes. I have been told by reliable sources that when the archaeological dig was carried out earlier in the year on the East plot, were they have started building they hit the water table at 700mm, this is after a relatively rain free winter. If houses with roads are sited on the Airfield, this would mean that the water must travel down into the village drainage system before it reaches open country side where it can disperse. No matter what type of drainage you put in, once it reaches the Water Table it can only go one way, that is to the surface, meaning into the Brook which will overflow, flooding the surrounding areas: - Roads, Houses, Shops travelling right through the village as it did in 2014.

I have noticed that the Proposed New town called the Harrington's seems to have disappeared off the radar, this was for a proposed 6000 houses in my opinion this would be an ideal position as you have the M40 and the A40 all close at hand as with the Grenoble Road site plus its closer to Oxford City Centre alleviating the need for Major Road alterations.

We are all aware that more houses are needed but **Why** are they trying to put them all in Chalgrove turning a village into a town,

We already have traffic congestion at Stadhampton morning and evening.

Our Major problem is the 3000 houses on the Air Field, we the villagers will fight this development all the way as it will flood the village every time it Rains, plus it will turn Chalgrove into a major town bigger than Thame.

Hopefully with the amount of people who have past their views on to your department, you will take note and make the right decision as we do not want our properties flooded due to inconsiderate planning. One annoying factor is the 120houses that have just started, were at first refused permission, but because the parish council did not have the money to fight it when it went to appeal, they were given permission. This type of planning decisions Stinks so for once please make the right decision and rule out Chalgrove.

Yours sincerely,



Stuart Christie

