

## Comments on SODC Local Plan February 2019.

As I live [REDACTED], on the far East of the county, I feel it appropriate that my comments are limited to aspects of your plans which could affect Henley and District.

In the past I have made comments to Oxfordshire County Council on their Local Transport Plan LTP4 that their proposals make no provision to protect the East of the county, and particularly Henley on Thames, from the effects of any significant developments on the West of the County. I also made a similar comment in the SODC Local Plan: Second Preferred Options Consultation early May 2017 and on the Didcot Garden Town Proposals in July 2017.

**I can see nothing in the Transport proposals of this plan to indicate any measures to protect Henley and the A4130 from developments in other parts of the county.**

Henley already suffers from severe traffic congestion, pollution, noise and vibration nuisance and must also bear an elevated the risk of accidents with both cars and large HGV's passing through it's narrow streets, sometimes at inappropriate speeds.

Several years ago Henley Town Council applied to OCC for a 7.5 tonne Weight Restriction Order to restrict HGV through traffic but this was not forthcoming, although I believe that following agreement for Burford this is again being considered by OCC. A Traffic Strategy Group, including representatives of local organisations and neighbouring councils is now working within the control of the Henley Town Council, to identify solutions to our problems.

As Henley Bridge on the A4130 is the only Thames Crossing between Marlow and Sonning/Reading there is concern that any additional traffic heading East from the expanded West of the county would ignore the alternative routes via the M40 or M4 and make the situation in Henley worse.

**My Question is:- Have you considered the potential increase in inappropriate traffic on the A4130 through Henley on Thames and what measures will you employ to eliminate this increase in nuisance and danger?**

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