

NORTH WITNEY ACTION GROUP

YOUR CALL TO ACTION

ON THURSDAY MAY 6TH



Flooding this Christmas at junction of West End, Crawley Road & Hailey Road; proposed site of four-way junction for WEL2 bridge on floodplain!

WODC'S CONTROLLING CONSERVATIVE PARTY HAVE APPROVED THE BUILDING OF **1400 HOUSES** ON UNDULATING ANCIENT FARMLAND BETWEEN WITNEY AND HAILEY, AND A ROAD BRIDGE ON THE WINDRUSH FLOOD PLAIN.

PLEASE ACT NOW TO ENSURE YOU AND FUTURE GENERATIONS CAN CONTINUE TO ENJOY A QUALITY OF LIFE WHICH WOULD BE DESTROYED BY THIS DEVASTATING DEVELOPMENT SUCH AS THE RECENT FLOODING.



Bridge Street 2007, over a decade later still no action!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO ACCEPT WHAT YOU ARE TOLD IS INEVITABLE

Just because a Government Inspector has approved the Local Plan you don't have to accept what WODC's Conservative councillors tell you will happen! This is YOUR community and YOU can influence and change this intransigent and ill thought through mind set of this immensely flawed development.

PLEASE CONSIDER THE POWER OF YOUR VOTE ON MAY 6

The local elections on Thursday May 6 provide you with an opportunity to vote for a candidate or Party who has a history of opposing this development. The North Witney Action Group (NWAG) is YOUR non party political local Action Group. Over 1,000 local residents signed the Petition in 2015 opposing the North Witney Development.

We would urge you to vote for a candidate who opposes this development. A candidate who, if elected, will rigorously represent our cause both passionately and bravely. As a community we can, together, make that change.

You and your vote can help make that change. Your Vote can make the difference. The Local Plan should be reviewed by this September. There are far better alternative options open to WODC than this disastrous development.



YOU can vote in Councillors who will pursue policy change away from the direction of the ruling Conservative Party.

DEVASTATION AND DESTRUCTION TO YOUR ENVIRONMENT AND LIFESTYLE

The 1400 houses of the North Witney Strategic Development Area (SDA) is made up of three parcels of land. This vast area covers 148 acres of prime farmland, ancient woodland and several water courses, all in the parish of Hailey and all part of the Wychwood Project.



Our town centre is frequently inaccessible across Green Bridge from North Witney

THREAT OF EVEN MORE FLOODING

Witney floods! Much of the flooding in Witney emanates from the 63,000 cubic metres of water that, in just a single storm, pour off the same fields that would be covered in concrete from the North Witney development.

Developers have failed to address this existing flood threat. The enormity of the additional problem from 1400 houses is illustrated by the developers' indication to the Planning Inspector for the need for six attenuation ponds, each the size of Wembley Stadium's pitch and situated above and outside the development area.

Even without the threat of this massive density of building, homes and businesses flood NOW as we painfully witnessed as recently as Christmas.

TRAFFIC MAYHEM

The 1400 houses being imposed on our doorstep combined with the proposed West End Link Road (WEL2), which will require a span of 190m on the Windrush Valley flood plain and across two arms of the river, will bring at least 3000 additional cars plus HGV's and buses to our narrow roads.



Oxfordshire County Council's Witney Transport Strategy Report 2017 confirmed that even should WEL2 be built it would still result in Bridge Street operating at, or near, its capacity. The Report's two suggested solutions still mean that Hailey Road becomes the third busiest road in Witney, while West End could see a three to four-fold increase in traffic volume.

Building this calamitous costly bridge and 1400 houses with a major perimeter road simply brings in even more traffic congestion to our roads.

DETERIORATION OF AIR QUALITY

This development would bring further air quality issues to Bridge Street or new levels of air quality concerns to West End over and above those already being measured. OCC's current solution to improve air quality in Bridge Street would be to create a new **Air Quality Management Area** in West End as a consequence of traffic volumes.

Moving the air quality problem from Bridge Street to West End is not the solution!

MAKE THE DIFFERENCE. YOU CAN ACT NOW BY VOTING ON THURSDAY MAY 6 FOR A CANDIDATE WHO WILL CATEGORICALLY OPPOSE THE BUILDING OF 1400 HOUSES

This community newsletter is published by the North Witney Action Group (NWAG) your local action group working to oppose the proposed North Witney Strategic Development Area in the WODC Local Plan.

To read more about this disastrous proposed development visit our website www.northwitney.org.uk and register your support.