

Dear sir,

Issues identified by the Inspector for discussion at the meeting on Dec 11th
Issue No 4

Transport is the subject about which I expressed concern in my original comment on the Local Plan.

The situation has not improved. As natural spasmodic development takes place in the villages to the west of Basingstoke, yet more traffic is created within the area which apart from the A339 is only served by country lanes. There is no means of crossing from just south of the Bath road (A4) to Winchester or other southern or western towns except by using the Basingstoke ring road via Black Dam or the A 34 from Newbury. Over the years, the road through Kempshott has been subjected to traffic controls in favour of the residents and the road through Kingsclere has been narrowed on a difficult corner. As well as housing there are many small businesses in this area, all of which also use the country lanes, helped by the use of SatNavs.

As a result all the villages and small towns in this area are suffering from too much and too heavy traffic for their roads. This will be considerably added to by the new development at Wootton St Lawrence and there will be yet more accidents and delays on these roads. In the village of Ramsdell where I live, we are just producing a neighbourhood plan and whilst this is in its early stages, it is obvious that Traffic is the resident's major concern.

I share the Inspector's concern that no provision has been made to deal with this situation. Whilst a large dual carriage way western by pass of Basingstoke would be neither practical nor economical, some sort of larger single carriage way to the west of the new development and joining up with the A340 might perhaps be considered.

Yours sincerely,

Judith Shelley.