

From: Brian Langer
Sent: 09 December 2014 11:34
To: Katharine Makant
Cc: Tom. Ridler; Overton_Clerk
Subject: Re: Basingstoke & Deane Local Plan Exploratory Meeting - Agenda for 11th December (Observers)

Dear Katharine

In order to meet your 12 noon deadline my comments on the issues I would have spoken on at the 11 December Hearing are:

1.1 The proposed development of the Manydown site will involve major changes to the road system in the area which will likely have adverse effects on travel times to and from the Overton direction along the B3400. Bus journeys are likely to be diverted to pick up people from the new development thereby slowing down journeys from Overton etc. This will have the effect of making bus journeys less enticing to the public and encourage even people to use private transport and threaten the viability of existing bus services.

2.3 I feel little regard has been taken by BDBC in respect of major developments taking place in the Test Valley Borough Council areas east of Andover which is bound to have an effect on transport volumes along the B3400 and through Overton. Not all commuters will want to use the A303 between Andover and Basingstoke and some will use the B3400 as even with the current work being carried out at Blackdam (junction 6 of M3 with A30 and A339) congestion will still occur at least at peak times and make that route less appealing for those wishing to access the NW of B'stoke town and its industrial estates etc.

It is also unrealistic to have no significant building sites in the far northwest of the borough around Woolton Hill as that area looks to Newbury in West Berkshire Unitary Council area for most of their services and not B'stoke. BDBC is definitely NOT self contained with residents travelling many miles to work outside the BDBC area, not just by train to London but to Oxford, Reading, Southampton, Heathrow, Farnborough, Milton Keynes and Bracknell by road.

3.3 I will leave the parish council rep to speak on that matter.

4.1 With extra development being proposed in Overton, Whitchurch, Oakley as well as the major Manydown proposal there is bound to be extra congestion from the additional traffic such housing will generate. Trains are at capacity at peak hours and although the SWT Managing Director promises some additional carriages it will do little to provide the extra capacity the West of England line needs. There are no firm plans - no vision - to provide a badly needed NW to SW distributor route from the A339 to the A30 to relieve congestion on the west side of B'stoke. As public transport journeys become slower as a result of new developments people will give up on such transport means and decide to travel by car thereby exacerbating an already major problem at peak hours.

6.1 My comments would include references to the Andover developments in TVBC area and the transport problems resulting from it and the additional housing on the west side of B'stoke town making developments in Overton far less sustainable than the BDBC has made out in their draft.

Thank you and I would be grateful if you pas these comments onto the Inspector.

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Overton parish councillor but submitted as a private individual.