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Chilton Chronicle Special Edition

This Special Edition of the Chronicle has been prompted by a request for villagers to respond to the important new District Council proposal we described in the last Chronicle before its consultation period ends on the 20th March.

Following distribution of the 'Your Vale Your Future' leaflet with this month's Chronicle, the Parish Council held a public meeting on Monday evening 9 February in the Village Hall. This was well attended and gave Chilton residents the opportunity to discuss and hear views from fellow villagers about features of the District Council's Core Strategy Preferred Options document which will replace the current Local Plan and become the reference point for all developments and improvements in our parish and throughout the rest of the Vale from 2011 to 2026.

The Core Strategy contains a major section on the location of new development, (housing, employment, shopping, town centre uses and transport) what this development would mean for different places in the Vale, both the towns and the surrounding rural areas, including our own.

At the meeting, attendees were particularly concerned about a proposed road scheme that has been devised by the County Council as part of the Oxfordshire Local Transport Plan, to accommodate traffic increases that will arise from the expansion of employment at Harwell Campus and new housing developments in Didcot. Like the Parish Council, villagers recognised the need to cater for local traffic increase but were critical of the two options that had been proposed especially of the Chilton link road option, whose alignment east of the A34 to a new roundabout on Hagbourne Hill Road could for several reasons adversely affect our village. There was general agreement that an alternative road west of the A34 and directly to the Fermi Avenue roundabout main entrance to the campus would be a more appropriate solution. This we believe would deliver the majority of traffic using this route directly to its destination at Harwell Campus avoiding the A34 roundabout and bridge next to Chilton.

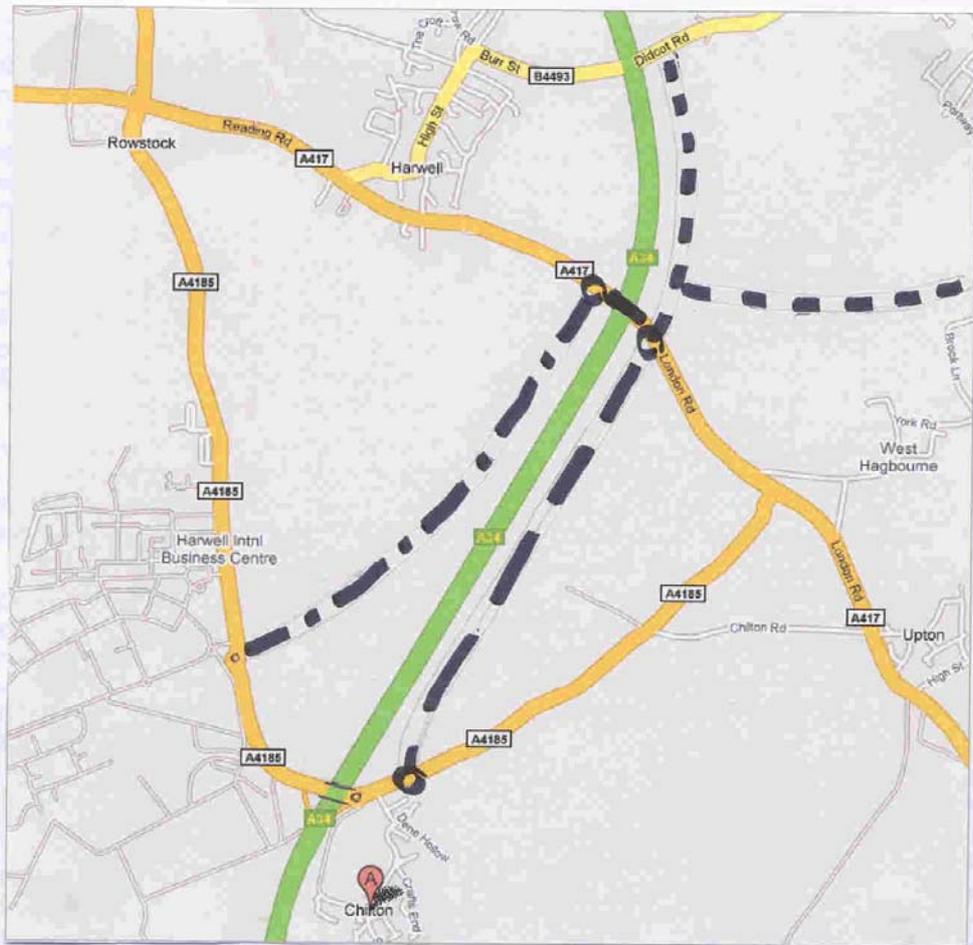
With this in mind, the Parish Council will reply in some detail to this particular issue along with its recommendation for adoption of the alternative route. The map of which is overleaf.

However it is equally important that if you are concerned by these road plans You also respond, because the greater the response the greater the likelihood you have of influencing how our village and the Vale will develop over the 15 years to 2026.

The new date for Public exhibition is **Friday 13th March 3pm - 7pm at Harwell Village Hall** and The full Preferred Options publication can be viewed on the District Council's website www.whitehorsedc.gov.uk (where you can also submit your comments directly by e-mail: planning.policy@whitehorsedc.gov.uk) or at the local library. You can also send your comments by post to Development Policy Team, Vale of White Horse District Council, Abbey House, Abingdon Oxon OX14 3JE.

Please take the time to read and respond to this important document.

Chilton Parish Council



Oxfordshire County Council proposed route,
A417 to new roundabout at Chilton

Chilton proposed route,
A417 to existing Fermi Ave. roundabout.

Proposed Harwell and Hagbourne Bypass.

