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Dear Mrs Groth

Planning application by Oxfordshire County Council, OCC Major Infrastructure Team, County Hall, New Road, Oxford, OX1 1ND for planning permission: Planning application seeking full planning permission for:

- The dualling of approximately 3.2km of the A40 carriageway from the existing Hill Farm junction at Witney to the Eynsham Park and Ride site (R3.0057/19) including the construction of two new roundabouts.
- An eastbound and westbound bus lane approximately 6.5km in length from the Eynsham Park and Ride site to existing structures at Duke's Cut waterway (Duke's Cut Canal Bridge, Earl's Culvert, Wolvercote Railway Bridge and Wolvercote Canal Bridge);
- Capacity and connectivity improvements over the existing structures at Duke's Cut waterway to enable the proposed eastbound bus lane to extend over the existing structures up to the A34 flyover in the east, forming a connection into Oxford North (Northern Gateway) strategic development site;
- Construction of a new signalised junction to the Eynsham Park and Ride site:
- New pedestrian/cyclist underpass at Cuckoo Lane ('the Eynsham Underpass'). Two new pedestrian/cycle bridges at Cassington Halt (Cassington Halt Footbridge North and Cassington Halt Footbridge South);
- Widening of Cassington New Bridge;
- Demolition and replacement/extension of existing White House Culvert;
- Demolition and replacement/extension of Barnard Gate New Culvert;
- New and improved shared use footways and cycleways, including new shared use links to National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 5 at Duke's Cut waterway;
- Alterations to existing junctions and property accesses along the A40;
- Controlled crossings, external lighting, noise barriers, sustainable drainage systems, landscaping, habitat creation including ecology ponds and associated hibernacula; and
- All associated engineering and temporary construction works, site compound and storage areas.

at A40 HIF2 Smart Corridor ('HIF2 project') A40 corridor between Witney and Wolvercote, Oxfordshire

The above application has been submitted to this council for determination.

You can view the application and comment online through the link below, using ref R3.0151/21.

https://myeplanning2.oxfordshire.gov.uk/Planning/Display/R3.0151/21?cuuid=35578EF9-BF27-48F3-91E4-E5B005F628DD

I should be grateful for any observations you may wish to make on the application by **12 February 2022**, you can comment online using the above link and reference. If you require more time, please contact me as soon as possible.

The application may be considered by the Planning and Regulation Committee if there are objections to it. However, if there are no objections or none that cannot be overcome by conditions or agreements the application may be delegated to the Assistant Director Strategic Infrastructure and Planning for decision.

I will notify you of the decision in due course. Details will be available online at the above link.

NOTE Consideration of the development may take place in public and representations may be published. The proposal may be considered by the Council's Planning & Regulation Committee (Only comments relating to planning issues will be taken into account when reaching a decision).

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