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I wish to update my previous objections following further submissions by Obsidian and the Planning Officer's report.

- i) This proposal will undoubtedly result in the urbanisation of a historic village that was recorded in the Domesday Book. Obsidian has already suggested (incorrectly) that the village boundary is at the Marina. Sadly, it is clear that if this proposal is passed, there will be an application for more building on this site. This is only the start.
- ii) Housing in Category A villages has been exceeded and so there is no requirement for more to be built.
- iii) Those living in the village are only too well aware of the ongoing failures of Thames Water in coping with the current population, let alone an increase.
- iv) Financial inducements by Obsidian will not benefit the village, but will be dispersed among other areas. Cropredy will be merely a source of income for CDC, whilst a victim of unmerited urbanisation.
- v) The proposed surgery is on a huge scale, and will presumably offer enhanced services for an enlarged area. This will undoubtedly increase traffic flow to an incalculable extent. The local roads simply cannot sustain this. Every access road is narrow and riddled with potholes.
- vi) Assurances that appropriate landscaping to help biodiversity will be ineffectual. Nature will be driven away by the building works and the introduction of houses in such close proximity.
- vii) The Planning Officer's comments are disingenuous at best. In this day and age, adequate public transport will never return to Cropredy. Traffic will increase – the Officer states that the surgery will benefit surrounding villages-this can only be at the cost of more traffic. The suggestion that the proposals would create construction jobs and also support facilities and employment is hardly a reason for approving a permanent (initial) 30% increase to the size of the village.
- viii) The local village school is oversubscribed, with children in the village already travelling elsewhere. Again, adding more families will inevitably increase traffic.

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