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**Cc:** Banbury Town Council; craig.rossigton@oxfordshire.gov.uk; Councillor Colin Clarke; Councillor Mark Cherry
**Subject:** Higham Way - Grundon - Proposed housing development. 16 / 00472 / OUT

Dear Sirs,

I write on behalf of Banbury Civic Society and am surprised and dismayed that no notice appears to have been taken of the Society's earlier comments ( 4 October 2017  - copy attached for ease of reference). The Society therefore wishes to restate its **objection** to the current application.

It is the Society's view that, if Cherwell Street is to be relieved of traffic for the benefit of the economic health of both the town and residents, then addition east / west 'cross valley' infrastructure will have to be provided.

At the moment the only viable option on the table is a South-to-East Link Road from the A361 to Chalker Way (and thence to the M40) via the Bodicote Flyover, and we believe the County Council has accepted this idea in principle (see previous comments above), subject, of course, tp further study and, possibly, alternative routes - which have not been forthcoming to date.

The Society's outline proposals envisage a link from the S-to-E route to Higham Way in order to provide essential connectivity to the Grimsbury area in general and the railway (east-side) car park in particular, thereby relieving the Merton Street junction and providing a more acceptable access to the car-park from the south and west of the town.

It is perverse, therefore, not to keep this future use of Higham Way in mind when considering any future use and layout of the 'Grundon' site particularly in relation to the alignment and width requirements that the possible extension of Higham Way southwards to junction with any S-to-E road that will be necessary for the predicted traffic load.

If such future opportunities are not kept in mind at this stage, then options will be closed that could be to the detriment of the town in the future.

As a second comment, and in the light of recent complaints regarding noise from railway operations, the Society wishes to re-iterate its previous view that the 'Grundon' site would be better utilised for the relocation of businesses displaced from Canalside than for residential purposes, that is unless extensive noise suppression measures are incorporated on the western boundary treatment.

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for Banbury Civic Society.