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Hi Andrew, Please see below.

Thank you, Helen Holman

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**From:** Helen Holman  
**Sent:** 30 July 2020 22:14  
**To:** [andrew.lewis@Cherwell.dc.gov.uk](mailto:andrew.lewis@Cherwell.dc.gov.uk); Alison Smith  
**Subject:** Heyford Park Dorchester Master Plan - Opposing the MiddletonStoney Bus Gate

Dear Mr Lewis,

Whilst I understand these plans are considerably advanced I just wanted to register my disapproval at the proposal to have a Bus Gate in Middle Stoney Junction as this will have a huge impact on the village of Somerton whilst offering **no** benefits in terms of Bus services or cycle routes. This will have a corrosive impact on village life, safety, community spirit, and air and noise quality.

My points in support of this stance are;

1. There will be a shocking increase of traffic through the village which already has a traffic issue. You have acknowledged this in your traffic monitoring report, (37% rise am/ 59% rise pm) although I suspect your numbers are conservative particularly as you appear to only have covered half of the sources of traffic through Somerton.

**Will there be a limit to the size of vehicles on this road?** It is a small country lane not built for the demands you are proposing.

2. There is also the point at which the Somerton Road and Water Street meet the Ardley Road. This route has not been included in your report. At this point the traffic will increase from that estimated on the Somerton Road. This junction is very close to homes which have been in situ for many years.

**Have these residents been considered and consulted about this development? This will no doubt effect their air and noise quality significantly.**

3. The Heyford Road is part of the National Cycle Path. This currently makes the road dangerous as frequently it attracts swarms of cyclists. The redirection of traffic will only make this more dangerous.

**Is this status being removed from the Heyford Road to ensure safety of the cyclists who come here for leisure?**

4. I note that there are cycle lanes in the development, towards Bicester, and towards Heyford Station. Why are there no cycle lanes towards Somerton or Fritwell and Ardley?

**Are Dorchester planning to ensure the Bridle Ways already in existence are improved and kept up to a standard that will allow Bicycles to easily and safely travel along them along side pedestrians and horses away from Traffic?**

In summary, I believe the plan to have a Bus Gate in Middleton Stoney will have an unfair impact on my community which will eventually lead to economic impacts in terms of house prices, whilst ensuring that the Dorchester Complex looks like a more attractive purchasing option;

1. It does not enhance Somerton in any way.
2. It will not improve connectivity for cyclists or safety, as there is no provision.
3. It will not improve bus provision as there are no buses.

Finally, I would like to point out that this decision is being passed in the middle of the Summer Holiday. People are not around to discuss this, and there has not been time to have a proper consultation over something which could significantly damage the fabric of our ancient village.

Whilst I understand that this now makes us eligible for 106 Funding, the impact this Fund will make compared to the negative impact bears no comparison.

I look forward to hearing back from you on my questions around this very disappointing development.

With thanks,

Helen Holman  
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Proposed ideas/ solutions

- Pavement to link up the village
- An improved road surface