

Meeting held in Billesdon Coplow Centre

4/4/2019

A46 Expressway (Southern Bypass)

Tony STOTT Chair of CPRE

SGP – states that A46 is critical to growth strategy. Growth Corridor Hull to Gloucester.

SGP is flawed because the plan doesn't state much about the countryside. TS called for objections now and encouraged people to use the local elections on 2/5 to express their views.

Gerald Kells Policy and Campaigns advisor.

Stated that the housing forecast should be halved. Local forecasts show this. Concentrate housing in Leicester and not the corridor. There is a need to build in Urban areas.

Roads- There are congested road in Leicester but not the A46. It's the short journeys that congest. Highways England think traffic is growing but have exaggerated the growth. We need to examine networks and deal locally. If the plan goes ahead then more people will have to commute generating more traffic and congestions. The plan says that taking traffic from the A46 will make capacity go down – however the new proposition will increase traffic.

Philip Bland chair of SELAG

He said that the meeting in Great Glen 12 months ago was well attended and he left with one question in his mind. What are you going to do about it?

Selag and CPRE have met. Every 9 MP's have been seen. All have concerns over presentation etc. The City Mayor P Soulsby and the Chair of LCC have either been telephoned or spoken to.

Philip Bland has personally demonstrated with placards outside Charnwood, Blaby and Harborough council offices.

Launched a public campaign with media

Website and facebook page with 2,500 followers.

He has FAILED at creating public awareness.

3 objectives – forms completed/become a supporter/download SELAG.ORG. Spread the word and has cars stickers.

The message to take away is 'The time for action is now'.

D C Kelly – Chair Willoughby Waterleys Residents Association.

The Expressway will be within 300 metres of the village.

M1 Junction 20a is happening. We are talking about 100 acres of green farmland around Cosby and Countesthorpe becoming affected with 3,500 homes. 4000,000 ares for warehousing. This will increase traffic impact.

Has come up with alternative..

New junction on M69 – Junction 2 and M1.

NW then access to NE passing Desford. Route between Ratby and Kirby Muxloe under the M1 which will connect with existing A46.

Advantages will be – 6 miles of new road and not 25 miles.

The through route will be 8 miles shorter.

Avoid harming the high quality landscape

Alleviate Junction 21 traffic pressure

Reduce environment pressure

15000 houses possible with new route

Urban extension to Lubbesthorpe

Over estimations of rural housing

Forecast is 31 years ahead – who knows that far ahead?

All councils have approved

Costs will be significant to SGP

Join – Household Projections Petition

Conclusion for Great Glen:-

The new Expressway will impact on Wistow, Burton Overy, Great Glen and Kibworth.

2 votes out at Market Harborough.