

Astrid Harvey

From:
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To: Astrid Harvey
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Dear Astrid

I know that I'm 'out of time' regarding any input to the process as far as housing in or near Eynsham is concerned. In general I agree that more housing is needed but I would urge you and the others involved to:-

- a) Make sure that all houses are 'fit for purpose'. That means that they should be big enough for a family of 4 to live in, in comfort, have enough storage space (somewhere to put the Hoover) and the preferably the ability to extend by building on extra rooms or a garage. Your organisation should not leave it to the builders to decide plot sizes, house sizes or room sizes. These should be fixed at a reasonable level by someone (your organisation) who is 'in control'.
- b) Not just expand existing villages and towns, but to make new settlements that will have their own character and that will be self sufficient as far as shops and other services are concerned.
- c) Ensure that residents have a quick and easy (plus weather proof) method of getting to work and back. This could mean 'park and ride' sites not just on the A40 as is planned, but at the county railway stations, Long Hanborough and Combe stations, for example, could have much bigger car parks so that all passengers could be assured of a space when they go to work by train. Rain shelters at bus stops would be a big help. There are many days when people who would normally travel by bus would weigh up the situation as follows: Do I take the bus and get soaked waiting at the stop or do I get into my car and drive there in comfort?

In the long term I believe that the progress of the development of 'autonomous' vehicles will mean that large scale changes to the roads in this area (and others) will not be needed.

Well, that is my view and I apologise for the lateness of this input.

Best regards

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