

# Consultation Response – Laura Parry – Resident

## **Question 1: Which Main Modification does this comment relate to?**

MM068 – Policy HO2 Sustainable Communities, SC1 Land at Bratton

## **Question 2: Do you consider that this Main Modification is:**

Sound

## **Question 3: Please give details of why you consider this Main Modification is not legally compliant and/or unsound. Please be as precise as possible.**

I consider MM068 to be unsound because it is not sufficiently effective in addressing the impact of the proposed SC1 Land at Bratton allocation on surrounding rural lanes and communities. The allocation proposes approximately 2,100 dwellings together with employment land, community facilities and supporting infrastructure. This scale of development will generate substantial vehicle movements during both the construction phase and once the development is occupied. I am concerned that surrounding rural roads, including those serving Rushmoor (TF6 5EF), may experience increased traffic as vehicles seek alternative routes around congestion on the main road network. These roads were not designed to accommodate significant increases in traffic and already experience difficulties when large vehicles pass. Agricultural machinery, HGVs and other large vehicles regularly struggle to pass safely, often requiring vehicles to move onto verges or close to residential frontages. This creates existing highway safety concerns for residents, pedestrians and children living alongside these roads. Increased construction traffic and additional resident traffic would be likely to exacerbate these issues. Whilst MM068 requires a Design Brief and Masterplan, I do not consider the modification sufficiently effective because it does not specifically require assessment and mitigation of impacts on surrounding rural lanes outside the immediate development site. I request that MM068 be amended to require the Design Brief and Masterplan to:

- assess the impact of construction traffic on surrounding rural lanes;
- identify appropriate construction traffic routes and measures to prevent the use of unsuitable roads;
- assess the impact of additional resident traffic on surrounding rural communities;
- identify mitigation measures where highway safety concerns are identified.

Without these requirements, there is insufficient certainty that the impacts of the development on nearby rural communities will be properly assessed and mitigated.

## **Question 4: Please set out what change(s) you consider necessary to make the main modification legally compliant and/or sound, having regard to the test you have identified above where this relates to soundness.**

The Design Brief and Masterplan should include an assessment of the impact of construction traffic and operational traffic on surrounding rural roads and communities. Where impacts are identified, appropriate mitigation measures should be provided. This should include identification of suitable construction traffic routes, measures to prevent the use of unsuitable rural lanes by construction traffic, and measures to address highway safety concerns arising from increased traffic associated with the development.