

Matter 6.3

HA4 Downend Road East.

Item 13. The reason why the council conceded their objections to the Downend Road railway bridge show stopper, half way through the second appeal proceedings, was never revealed. The adopted strategy involves traffic light control, an option rejected by the inspector for the first appeal, and more importantly is patently unsafe for cyclists. Fareham Council stated the solution, which does in fact make pedestrians more safe, provides a 'modicum of safety for cyclists', in other words just a small amount of safety, ie patently unsafe. How is that ok, were Cycling UK consulted? The framework plan clearly needs to be revisited and a safe solution arrived at, particularly in regard to the potential for a further increase in traffic from HA56.

The development was approved despite the vast majority of access expected to be by private car, not to mention minor matters such as being outside defined building boundaries, and being a greenfield site in the countryside, used to produce food. Also the inspector was the only person to believe there would be **no** impact on smaller local roads, otherwise known as rat running.

This is particularly relevant in relation to the fact that HA56 will generate considerably more traffic over this busy bridge, a fact the Downend Sites Highway Review of 2021, concerning the proposed link road between Downend Road and the A27, completely contradicts.