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Dear Sir/Madam

Draft Summertown and St Margaret's Neighbourhood Development Plan

Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012 (as amended) - Regulation 16

Thank you for consulting Cherwell District Council on the Draft Summertown and St Margaret's Neighbourhood Plan for comment.

The Plan is proposing to create a mixed use neighbourhood whilst protecting and enhancing the existing character of the area and promoting sustainable transport through its policies.

It is noted that the Plan is promoting sustainable active transport through a comprehensive network of well engineered cycling and walking routes through the transport Policies with an aim to address traffic related issues along the two major arterial routes in the area. The improvements along the corridor are supported. However the Plan does not acknowledge the development proposed further along these corridors for 4400 homes in the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 Partial Review. It should be noted that, new strategic development (if approved) would bring significant change to the area to the north of Oxford including for transport and the provision of supporting facilities. The Partial Review is intended to align with the County Council's Local Transport Plan (LTP4), particularly its Oxford Transport Strategy and the planned provision of new 'rapid transit' routes. Whilst the Neighbourhood Plan cannot predict the outcome of the Local Plan's Examination, some further factual acknowledgment of its proposals is suggested.

Thank you for consulting Cherwell District Council on the Neighbourhood Plan and please contact us if you would like to discuss further. We would be grateful if you could keep us updated as the Plan progresses.

Yours faithfully

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