

**ASHBURY PARISH  
NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN GROUP**

Swindon Borough Council  
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Dear Mr Snook,

**Re: S/19/0703 New road linking Commonhead Roundabout to NEV**

The Neighbourhood Plan Group is a distinct entity within Ashbury Parish Council established in order to carry out a dual mandate: to assess and make necessary representations about all planning applications in the Parish; and to ensure that planning decisions adhere strictly to the guidelines set out in the Ashbury Neighbourhood Development Plan ('ANP'). In a referendum held in July 2019, the parish residents voted overwhelmingly in favour of adopting the ANP, and the Plan was duly made by the Vale of White Horse District Council on 17 July. Accordingly, as you are no doubt aware, the Localism Act 2011 requires that you give due consideration to the development priorities as expressed in the ANP when evaluating planning applications.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment further on this application. Although the proposed new road lies outside of our parish boundary, the proximity of the site means that any new road will have an impact on the day-to-day lives of our residents. It is not at all clear to us that a new road will benefit existing communities in any way, and as the central tenet of the Localism Act 2011 is to give a greater say in local planning matters to the people most affected by them, it would be regrettable if SBC were to override the concerns of the neighbourhood. Judging by the vast amount of correspondence – much of it very much not in favour - that this proposal has generated, the community are very clearly against the building of the new road and we add our voice to the chorus of disapproval.

Thank you for your assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Yours sincerely,



Yoshi Nishio  
Chairman  
Neighbourhood Plan Group  
Ashbury Parish Council