

**WODC EMERGING LOCAL PLAN**

On 30 Aug 2017, at 15:42, [Peter Emery](#) wrote:

Dear Ros, thank you for your letter of 29<sup>th</sup>.

I have attached a copy of your letter for information for my two District colleagues and for Charles, our OCC representative.

I would have to say that I do share your concerns with the wording in some areas of the WODC Emerging Local Plan.

As you point out it was clear that the Inspector, Mr Rivett, was also expecting some rather more robust expressions with regard to some of the areas covered by the plan.

It will be interesting to see the form that the written version of the plan has when it goes out for (yet) more public consultation (not yet confirmed but almost certain), later this year.

It is at this point where both Green Tea and EPIC need to be not only at their most vocal but also active in cajoling and encouraging like minded folk to respond to the consultation.

One of the problems a local authority has is that people are fast to complain but slow to consult when the opportunity occurs.

If the consultation does happen I will ensure that the library has at least one hard copy for residents to access without the need for a computer.

On the subject of transport the WODC ELP offers merely a commentary and a wish list as the ultimate budget and policy decisions lie with the Highway Authority, in this case Oxfordshire County Council so again, watch out for the frequent consultations by OCC and make your feelings known to OCC and your elected representative, Charles Mathew.

The WOT group certainly have a point regarding light rail in Oxfordshire but I fear the lack of funding creates an immovable obstacle.

We can only hope that the creation of closer links, transport and other, between Oxford and Cambridge might have a trickle down effect in terms of sharing some of the central government monies that project is attracting.

I will do my best to get the message out amongst my fellow councillors in WODC, alas I have absolutely no ability to influence the party at a National level.

I look forward to seeing you around the village as ever.

Regards

Peter

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