

A428 letter ideas

Please send your letter to: FREEPOST A428 BLACK CAT TO CAXTON GIBBET
and/or JONATHAN DJANOGLY MP, HOUSE OF COMMONS, LONDON SW1A 0AA

Great Gransden Parish Council supports the "orange route". Reasons include:

Reducing congestion related delay:

- The orange route will benefit local traffic, especially in view of the massive planned housing development at St. Neots, and the congested existing road layout near the A1 roundabout.

Increasing capacity of the A428:

- The orange route will enable both local, eastbound St. Neots traffic and long-distance traffic to use the new route.
- Railway station traffic from Cambourne will have access to this route. (*where will this railway run?*)
- The orange route will benefit cyclists/vulnerable road users by reducing traffic on the old A428.

Improving traffic flow:

- The orange route will improve reliability of journey times for local traffic.
- The orange route will interfere less with small intersecting roads which are essential for businesses in local villages. Disruption to these routes may cause heavy vehicles to travel more through the villages.

Safety improvement:

- The orange route is the safest solution for vulnerable road users and impacts least on recreational activity in the area.
- The orange route will reduce rat-running in local villages.
- The orange route will ease traffic flow on old A428, making junctions on this road safer.
- The orange route avoids the low-lying fog hazard area near the river.
- The orange route enables emergency access to Addenbrookes hospital, which provides care not available at Hinchingsbrooke.

Support local economic growth:

- Only the orange route will benefit business connections in St. Neots, which is earmarked for a flagship economic regenerative programme, and creation of "enterprise zones" along the existing A428. As the largest town in Huntingdonshire, it is essential that any new road improves travel links for St. Neots.
- The orange route, with slight modification, leaves space for expansion around St. Neots.

Environment protection:

- The orange route provides the least damaging solution, as it does not cut across undisturbed rural areas, which include SSSIs and significant woodland.
- The orange route will have the least impact in terms of noise, light and air pollution. Even now the A428 can be heard in Gransden at times.
- The orange route will cause least damage to ancient historic sites and conservation areas.
- The orange route will safeguard the greatly valued, irreplaceable tranquillity and traditional character of local villages, which is under increasing threat.

Additional points:

- The Highways document is of vague, misleading & poor quality, which does not even mention the Gransdens, Waresley or Caxton.
- Special care needs to be taken in considering layout options for the Caxton junction.
- The consultation document was released only one day before the first public exhibition.
- It is vital that there is collaboration between the various agencies currently engaged in plans for change in Cambridgeshire so that commerce, housing, long distance travel, railways, HDC, Cambs County Council & Cambs City Council reach the most efficient and sustainable outcome.
- It is highly questionable whether the massive expansion of Cambridgeshire is of national benefit in terms of sustainable infrastructure, or nationwide equality of living standards and employment.

***It is absolutely vital that as many individuals as possible convey their opinions in writing:
ideally all adults in a household should write individually.***

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