

Woodstock Town Council

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For The Attention Of:
Oxfordshire County Council Cabinet Members

Dear Councillor,

I am writing to inform you of the response from Woodstock Town Council to the Burford Weight Limit as shown below:-

- WTC deplors the fact that because of offered private funding, Oxon CC can add public resources for the selfish benefit of one community to the possible detriment of many others, and asks if this sets a precedent for any community to find private funding to impact on the public highway system?
- WTC asks about the form and timing of a public consultation event. Woodstock and A44A were invited to attend a public consultation forum set to be held on 1st February but deferred. No subsequent invitation to such an event was received.
- The previous WTC objections remain, and these are extended to a so called experimental weight limit for Burford realising that once habits are changed it is difficult - if not impossible - to reverse them, so a temporary limit after a period of 18 months will become a new permanent. We do not believe that one survey before the change can possibly be definitive of what would be indicative of the general situation.
- Woodstock Town Council deplors the officer recommendation to the Oxon CC cabinet member for Environment and the lack of attention and reference made to the researched objections of those communities living on and affected by the heavy vehicles using the A44.
- There is no evidence of the requested origin and destination survey which would give an indication of the alternative routes that would be used by heavy vehicles displaced from Burford. Nor is there evidence of sufficient air quality monitoring in towns and villages both in Oxon and Glos that could be affected by the displacement and where the canyon effect in terms of retaining pollution is obvious,

Woodstock Town Council wish for the above to be considered during the meeting being held on 15th November 2018.

Yours sincerely

Janine Saxton
Town Clerk