

# THE CHICHESTER SOCIETY



From the Chairman Richard Childs

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Dear Mr Frost

**West of Chichester (Whitehouse Farm) outline planning application CC/14/04301/OUT - highway access to phase 1 of a development of up to 750 homes**

The Chichester Society is responding to the Council's Notice dated 17 May 2016 inviting comments on amendments to the outline application for phase 1 of the West of Chichester Strategic Development Location (SDL) - with specific reference concerning access to the development site.

The Society OBJECTS to the amended outline application as it fails to provide a southern access connection directly to the A27 Fishbourne Roundabout at the commencement of Phase 1 development. The environmental impacts of *not* providing this access linked to the A27 Fishbourne roundabout will be substantial - for residents and pupils of four local schools.

The Society has previously objected to the Phase 1 outline application on numerous grounds (see our letter dated 12 February 2015) including the increased traffic on the city's already overloaded roads from the single junction on the B2178 Old Broyle Road. We also objected to the Master Plan on 7 April 2016 stating that it must be revised to create a southern access route from the start of phase 1.

We recognise that the principle of developing the West of Chichester SDL (Whitehouse Farm) is an established element of the adopted Chichester District Local Plan, with up to 1,600 homes and associated community and employment facilities. We also recognise the developers' Masterplan was endorsed by the Council's Planning Committee on 27 April 2016.

This objection is not held exclusively by the Chichester Society but has been expressed in recent months by many community organisations and individuals with an interest in these matters.

There are precedents for providing highways infrastructure to enhance the quality of residents' lives, and close to Chichester are two notable examples:

- The A29 Billingshurst bypass

- The A259 Bognor Regis/North Bersted relief Road.

Both these highways schemes were substantially funded by housing developers as a condition for receiving planning permission to ensure that the traffic generated by these major new developments did not overload the existing highway network.

What was necessary for Billingshurst and Bognor must surely apply to Chichester and the Whitehouse Farm development?

Yours sincerely,

RJ Childs  
Chairman