

## **Oxfordshire County Council**

### **Infrastructure Development Officer Comments to WODC**

**June 2013**

WODC has requested OCC Transport Strategy review the May 2013 document "Potential Strategic Development Site – Land to the West of Carterton. WODC Draft Local Plan Consultation Response – Further information" by Hannah Reed.

These comments are provided by way of technical support, and may be discussed with the promoters of West Carterton, however they are not a formal response to the Local Plan consultation.

The Hannah Reed report challenges the WODC Local Plan Sustainability Appraisal, specifically questioning the extent to which the proposed East Carterton site would contribute to HSO3' Promoting a thriving community' for leisure and shopping.

The argument is based on the principle that a higher number of trips from the proposed east Carterton site will not travel into or via Carterton than the proposed west site, and therefore trips from the east site do not contribute to the town centre vitality.

The district council will provide comment on how best town centre vitality is measured.

It should be noted that the survey took place on a Wednesday so did not include market day or a Saturday.

Much of the data analysed focuses on the AM peak period from 8am - 9am, which relates in the main to trips to work and education. The district council may wish to consider the extent to which town centre vitality can be measured by journeys to work. It is clear from the data that there is not the number of jobs in Carterton to sustain the working population and out commuting occurs. There is no analysis included which relates work place location/distance of commute directly to town centre vitality.

In reviewing the data there is concerns that errors may have occurred in the analysis of the ANPR data as, from the data provided, addition of the total of AM Peak trips occurring from 8.00am-8.59am appears to be 219 not 441.

Although the argument is based on shopping and leisure trips the report does not explore difference between the times of day when shopping and leisure trips occur compared to trips to work.

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