

To: Chris Walton Head of Highways Hampshire County Council  
CC. Jason Owen and David Wilson [Tech Services TVBC],

Dear Mr Walton,

On behalf of the 1760 parishioners of the Upper Clatford Parish (Upper Clatford and Anna Valley) we are very concerned by the proposed development by Goodman's (Planning Application Number 07/01951/OUTN) on the old Andover Airfield as a major Tesco's Distribution Centre for the South East.

We understand that as a result of Highways concerns, the Northern Area Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 3<sup>rd</sup> December has been postponed because various issues that have not been resolved. As a Parish we are gravely concerned about this proposed development and would like to highlight the specific highways issues:

- The A303 is unable to support the Goodman's traffic report of July 2007 predicting 1660, 40 tonne, 84ft HGV's entering, leaving, plus filtering around Andover's arterial roads, 24 hours a day.
- In light of the additional development of distribution centre at Solstice Park near Amesbury there will be a compound impact on the A303 traffic at peak surges and it's ability to allow a consistent traffic flow. This is compounded by the recent announcement that the A303 Stonehenge bye-pass is to be shelved indefinitely which will lead to a major traffic bottle neck at Amesbury.
- Concerns regarding the peak traffic movements of a "wave" traffic system operated by these large distribution centres and the impact on the ability of the 100 acre roundabout interchange to accommodate this under all circumstances.
- The total vehicular traffic for Phase I and Phase II we understand will be 843 to 796 per hour. We believe this is both unsupportable (even with a revised intersection) and jeopardising safety in operating such volumes of traffic in this area.
- HGV exiting the A303 westerly bound at the 100 acre roundabout. With the proximity of a filter on to the A303 from the A343 Salisbury Rd, some 30 meters before, there is a danger of HGV's "swiping" filtering traffic joining the A303 from the A343.
- Vehicular traffic movement is further exasperated at peak times by the relocation of the Army Land Forces from Salisbury to Andover which will lead to more people using the 100 acre roundabout and arterial village roads as a daily commute.
- The possible use of theoretical on-demand traffic management systems could be detrimental the traffic flow on spur roads to from the surrounding villages including Weyhill Road.
- We understand that the Goodman's development can accommodate up to 160 trailers, but still feel that there will be significant issues with 3<sup>rd</sup> party lorries waiting to enter the 300 loading bay distribution complex leading to the inevitable lorry "stacking" in the surrounding roads and Villages.
- We understand that Goodman have made no provision for traffic entering the distribution complex from the south west villages of Andover, of which, Upper Clatford is one.

In summary it is our belief and that of our Parishioners that this development would have a grave detrimental impact to all parts of Andover and we strongly advise that you support the refusal of this application.

Yours sincerely,

Upper Clatford Parish Council.