

# **An Open letter from North Camp Support Group to Hampshire County Council, Rushmoor Borough Council, Leo Docherty MP and members of the public, August 20<sup>th</sup> 2018**

Dear Cllr Humby HCC, Phillip Marshall HCC, Cllr David Clifford RBC, Cllr Ken Muschamp, Cllr Diane Bedford, Cllr Abul Chowdhury, Cllr Liz Corps, Cllr Paul Taylor, Cllr Roland Dibbs, Cllr Mara Makunura, Paul Shackley RBC Chief Executive, John Trusler RBC, Leo Docherty MP, Lisa Bloomer (Atkins)

North Camp Support Group is an association of concerned residents and is open to all. Significant numbers of the community we represent have expressed concern about the proposed scheme and oppose the plans by Hampshire County Council to widen Lynchford Road in order to make it the main route into and out of Farnborough.

We ask HCC to defer plans to widen Lynchford Road or carry out any works on Lynchford Road and explore other options to alleviate the pressure of traffic to and from airfield businesses. Natural points of movement to and from this area are: the A325 North and South, the A327 to the East. There are alternative routes to the A331 to the North via the A325. The A331 to the South is being planned and has the capacity for more access.

The current proposals to be presented to the public by HCC/Atkins for the next phase of the Farnborough Transport Study are stated to deliver growth to: "the Local Community; Local Businesses; Commuters (incoming and outgoing) and visitors" together with "Safeguarding the Environment". The proposals for Lynchford Road prioritise the needs of the Airfield Businesses, commuters and visitors over North Camp residents and businesses. North Camp has been neglected for many years and these proposals bring no benefit to North Camp. If anything, they appear to be to the detriment of North Camp. North Camp is a place where people live their lives, work, worship, attend school and interact and as such the needs of North Camp should be at the heart of any proposed improvement work.

The widening of Lynchford Road is not compatible with safeguarding the environment of North Camp. It is well known that increased road size leads to increased traffic. Traffic on the new main highway would have no need to visit North Camp. Most will be going to the Airfield, Exhibition Centre and larger businesses. In particular the current Old Lynchford Road contain residences and over 30 small businesses along its entire length. The majority will have an increased volume of traffic passing very close to their frontages affecting quality of life.

Nowhere in the recent public consultation is North Camp specifically identified. We ask that **North Camp** be specifically referred to, by name, to recognise its existence as a thriving community, which should be protected and enhanced.

Our core principles should be safeguarded, namely:

1. Retain the amenity and environment of North Camp
2. Protect and establish local growing business
3. Oppose changes that will produce more pollution and more noise.
4. Oppose changes that compromise the safety of the community, in particular children, those with disability and the elderly.

We believe that getting it right for **North Camp** will ultimately benefit the Airfield, other large businesses and the wider Rushmoor Community. We aim to engage positively with the North Camp Community and other stakeholders to protect and enhance **North Camp**.

For more information and to get in touch, please visit us at <http://www.northcamp.org>

Yours sincerely

North Camp Support Group