

Many houses have recently been built in Carterton on land which was annexed from the Brize Norton parish. There are, I believe, an extra 1800 homes on Shilton Park plus there will be another 900 built on the old RAF site anyway, but, there are only 2 pubs left in Carterton, the school lacks pupils, I don't think there are any town centre restaurants and many industrial units are remain unoccupied. The fact is people want to live in the villages of West Oxfordshire or Witney town centre where everything is already established. I don't believe multiple chains, cinema operators and the like would invest in Carterton with Witney so close the joint population would not make it commercially viable. It has taken 40 years of growth to get Witney the facilities it enjoys today and whoever did develop in Carterton would have to compete with M@S Dagenham's Next H@M Waitrose Sainsbury free multi story car parks 5 screen digital cinema dozens of restaurants pubs and clubs etc etc etc and be prepared for a very long term investment.

The most telling fact is that housing surveys show Carterton is not peoples first choice for a home and none of the surrounding villages want their parish land annexed into Carterton creating a dormitory town for Witney and adding to traffic, flooding and pollution.

kind regards

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