

# A40 Overbridge at Witney Hill Farm

This **farm bridge** is a regularly used method of accessing the **westbound side** of the **A40**, enabling drivers in north and east Witney to avoid travelling through the town centre when wanting to go west towards **West Witney, Carterton, Burford and Cheltenham** etc.

Despite the fact that the distance from **Shores Green** to the bridge and back is **2 miles**, there are still **525 cars a day using the bridge\*** which equates to over **380,000 miles** travelled per annum simply because the Shores Green junction has no westbound slips. \*According to OCC survey figures, March 2009.

Furthermore, many drivers are either unaware of this 'rat-run', or refuse to use it because it has totally inadequate slip road approaches. These were designed solely for farm use, and not for public use with the high volume of traffic. However, the popularity of this route gives a clear indication of the **need for full 4-way slips at Shores Green.**

The attached figures taken by an OCC traffic survey in March 2009 show vehicle movements approaching the Farm Bridge travelling eastward along the A40, going over the bridge and using the westbound slip to join the A40 in a westbound direction.

**The need for a 4-way junction at Shores Green is obvious!**