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Application Reference No. : SMD/2016/0376 Site Address: Leek Cricket Club Macclesfield Road Leek Staffordshire ST13 8SG Leek Comments by: Alison and Peter Rickett
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Our main objection is with the proposal of the new exit road from the Cricket Club but also with the potential of building works traffic through an entrance which is not fit for purpose.

The right turn into Highfield and the Cricket Club already causes a great deal of safety issues(e.g. car trying to overtake stationary cars waiting to turn in). The problems are not just due to traffic to emerging at the same point but due to the speed of the traffic on the main A523 meeting stationary traffic waiting to turn. If there is an exit round just below the entrance this is actually likely to increase near misses/accidents as the traffic will not be prepared for traffic emerging from further down the hill.

The road speed limit must be reduced to 40 mph further up the road towards the Meerbrook junction if safety to all road users is to improve for any entrance and exit

proposals.

The planned exit road will actually give very poor visibility looking up the road to the right and again has the potential of traffic pulling out into the path of oncoming traffic.

Away from the actual entrance and exit proposals we at Highfield Lodge will be the most affected by the new road. If we are to follow the new exit system it means a left turn out of our driveway and then immediately trying to turn right back on ourselves. Due consideration to the actual design of the spur formation of this has not been given.

The current road/lane is not fit to take large building/construction lorries to build further houses without firstly undertaking major improvement of the existing road surface and new speed restrictions and management of the surrounding trees. Just the other day a delivery lorry to the Cricket Club pulled up one of the stone pillars at the entrance making it very unsafe for all traffic to pass.

We have at no point been asked our thoughts on any potential alterations to see how it would fit in with access to and from our house. Also,the ownership boundary of the Cricket Club and our property has been incorrectly marked on the plan,

Before any new building plans should even be considered the current safety issues at this junction need to be addressed as a whole.