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Comments: I don't object to the construction of a car park at the Woodhouse if it's needed, however I do strongly object to the increase in traffic it would create on the unadopted lane which is used to access that side of the hospital. It's a narrow lane with one passing point where even two cars struggled to pass. It is also a well used public footpath which can be dangerous for people to walk down at the moment without the additional vehicles travelling to a new 41 bay car park.

The other application (SMD/2019/0599) submitted in 2019 and still awaiting a decision is by far the better option when it comes to accessing the site because there are two entrances that are owned by the applicant going directly onto the main highway (Lockwood Road). The hospital would also be less dependent on the narrow lane, it could be very dangerous if it became blocked by a broken down vehicle, fallen tree, etc, if there was a need for emergency vehicles like police cars, fire engines and ambulances.

I do use the lane on a regular basis but like many people who have the right to use the lane try to avoid travelling or walking down it around 7:30-8:00pm because the hospital staff change shifts at that time and is often not safe to use. I know of at least one person has been injured by the wing mirror of a speeding car hitting them.

The car park would also be constructed on a recreational part of the lawned area around the hospital that is used by the staff and residents of the hospital, where as the other application proposes to construct it on overgrown wasteland.

I hope these comments will help you come to a more informed decision.

Kind Regards,

Robert Whitehurst

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