
From:
Sent: 06 February 2022 18:34
To:)
Subject: Comment Received from Public Access

Application Reference No. : SMD/2021/0829 Site Address: Land At Blythe Park Sandon Road Cresswell Staffordshire
Comments by: Michelle Steele

From:
22
Sandon road
Cresswell
Stoke on Trent
Staffs
ST11 9RB
Phone:
Email:
Submission: Objection
Comments: Dear Mr Haywood

SMD 2021/0829

I am gravely concerned about the above variation of planning because it has not taken into consideration the existing residents of Cresswell. The timeframe to object is very short and not all of the residents have received a letter, including one of my immediate neighbours.

I reside at 22 Sandon Road, ST11 9RB and my property is directly opposite the variation of planning.

Residents health and wellbeing- Given that this new entrance to the new estate will service all of the of a proposed houses and flats, and the industrial estate, it is all happening within 20 feet of my and other neighbours property entrances. This will mean a day and night disturbance with not only cars, but HGVs. At nighttime there will be increased light pollution and headlights will be shining directly into the my home and my neighbours' homes, which is wholly unacceptable. Noise pollution made by said HGVs stopping at the junction and then accelerating away, again unacceptable. Like numerous other people, in the warmer months, I have my windows open at night and the noise would be unbearable. Again, it is unacceptable to expect us to live with this disturbance. It appears, yet again the Developer is attempting to manipulate the planning system and it's officials with inferior variations.

Safety - We are all aware Mr Haw, a Senior Highways Officer, came to address all the residents and pointedly said there was no better option than a roundabout in the planned road infrastructure, including the slip road for existing residents on Sandon Road. It is the safest option for everyone and there is funding for said roundabout and road changes! That has to be the best win, win for everyone.

Are you seriously now expecting this inferior and dangerous variation to be acceptable to the existing residents? Some of the residents have multiple vehicles. We have elderly residents who have relatives and carers going in several times a day. There is at least one substantial motor home and one long wheel base commercial vehicle. Is it

really necessary to make residents day to day lives that much more difficult, stressful and dangerous for the sake of this inferior variation?

Currently, I am able to reverse into my driveway and drive out, as safely as possible, adhering the Highway Code. I do not have the room to turn my car around in my driveway. The Highway Code never advises you to reverse onto a road as it greatly increases the risk of an accident. So why are we increasing risk?

So, if this variation is passed my risk on the road increases substantially, when they should be reduced. An example; when I am approaching my home from Draycott, this plan expects me to approach the T junction, look for the hazards at the junction, block and enter the opposing filter (if no traffic is already there), to cross the opposing carriageway, to then perform a reverse manoeuvre, against the traffic to enter my driveway. It is undeniable that with every additional manoeuvre my risk increases. Other road users risk increases. Why should our risks increase? You know this road has suffered at least 5 deaths in the last few years. Would The Developer and SMDC find it acceptable to have more deaths and Road Traffic Collisions for their own personal gain, to save money and to finally get this whole planning debacle finished? Life is precious, so treat as such.

The previously plans would have traffic calming measures to the approach to the roundabout and a slip road where the existing Sandon Road properties are. Again this is acceptable and safe as it can be. I'm hoping that the Highway Dept is now not changing their mind and is quite willing to accept this inferior and dangerous variation? The existing plan is far superior and is the safest option. The variation is inferior by far and is the most dangerous option. The money is there to install the existing plan, so there is no excuse to go with the variation.

Timescales - I do not believe the Parish Council have been given the time or opportunity to meet and discuss this variation due to your short timeframe to oppose.

Misled and miss information- I believe the local residents and the local council have been misled by developers putting in so called acceptable plans, only to put in variations at a later date. This is a known tactic by developers. It makes a mockery of the planning rules.

Funding - again the funding is there for the original plan, so it should be used. Highways agree that 'Roundabouts are King'! I absolutely agree, they are!

I ask you to refuse this variation, taking to account the obvious objections of residents, flaws and dangers within the said variation.

Yours sincerely

Michelle Steele

Do you really need to print out this Email? Be green - keep it on the screen.

This email is intended for the addressee(s) only and may contain sensitive, privileged or confidential information that could be protectively marked. If you are not the addressee please do not use the information in any way. If you have received this email in error please notify the sender immediately and delete it from your system. Thank you.

The Council may be required to disclose this email or any responses to it under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The way in which we handle personal information is set out in our privacy notice and is available at <https://www.staffs Moorlands.gov.uk/YourData>
