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I wish to register my objection to this application for the following reasons:

The original application was for a three arm roundabout away from residential properties which were to be accessed via a service road. Under the new proposal residents will have to exit and enter their driveways directly from the main highway, some of them directly onto the planned access junction. This will be very difficult and potentially unsafe given the increased volume of traffic resulting from the development. Quite rightly, a service road has been proposed at the Draycott end of Sandon Road, why then does this no longer apply at Cresswell?

Any HGV, large vehicle or more than a few cars would fill the ghost island access causing further vehicles to block Sandon Road resulting in a tailback of traffic in front of residential properties thus denying them access. This traffic is particularly heavy for it least two hours in the early mornings and late afternoons when access and exit from these properties is most likely to be required.

Traffic queuing outside residential properties would greatly increase air pollution posing a risk to the occupants of the properties in the vicinity and to pedestrians. The same would apply to noise pollution which is already very intrusive. The properties directly opposite the access will also be subjected to light pollution from vehicle headlights exiting the business park and residential housing.

The proposed solution would lead to vehicles including HGV and commercial having to turn across oncoming traffic in both directions to enter and exit the access road. This is potentially dangerous as the through traffic using Sandon Road is heavy at peak times plus the speed limit is 40 mph which a significant number of vehicles regularly exceed.

The whole concept of a single access to both the Business Park and to the residential development (if built) mixes HGV and commercial traffic on the same access road and junction with residents of the new development having to pull out onto and turn across the road used by the Business Park traffic to enter and exit the new estate. This also it poses danger to pedestrians and especially as the development is likely to attract families with small children.

Bearing in mind that Government Planning Inspector Patrick Whitehead, stated that this whole development should never have been approved in the first place, I believe that SMDC has a duty of care to protect the safety, health, environment and quality of life of the people affected by this proposal.

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