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Submission: Objection
Comments:

We are writing to express our strong objection to the Application for Variation of condition 4 in respect of the outline application SMD/2014/0576 to install traffic lights rather than a roundabout on Uttoxeter Road at the junction with Cresswell Lane, Draycott.

The Transport Assessment document prepared by Motion dated 14/08/2014 "sets out detailed junction modelling to determine future capacity levels at each junction up to a design horizon of 2024 (ten years post application)". Given that 2024 is less than 2 years away, why is an assessment not being carried out now up to a design horizon ten years ahead as part of this revised proposal?

As residents of Church Lane, Draycott, we have studied the documents including the 61 page Blythe Business Park Transport Assessment Addendum. We would point out that there are no references to Church Lane in this report and no obvious reason for this omission. However, Church Lane is included in the diagram - IPD-21-555-150 Signal Junction General Arrangement.

Diagram IPD-21-555-150 outlining the proposed traffic light layout clearly shows that houses numbered 237 to 247 inclusive will be using a one way filter lane to access their drives and using Church Lane to exit on to Uttoxeter Road. There are Give Way lines illustrated at the end of the filter lane and at the bottom of Church Lane where there are none currently as it is an unadopted road. Does this signify that the Council will be adopting part or all of Church Lane?

Church Lane is a cul-de-sac and there is no alternative means of entry and exit to the lane. It is used by not only residents such as ourselves but also on a daily or regular basis by :

- parishioners and visitors to St Margaret's church and its graveyard - both the church car park and the village hall car parks are usually full in the events such as funerals or weddings
- users of Draycott Village Hall
- delivery drivers including oil tankers and Royal Mail
- council refuse vehicles
- the owner of the horses in the field opposite the Village Hall who delivers hay and sometimes brings a horse box
- the farmer who accesses the fields adjacent to the Village Hall with farm equipment including tractors and large trailers

The bottom part of Church Lane next to Uttoxeter Road is a passing place for any vehicles driving down the lane towards Uttoxeter Road. The diagram appears to indicate that the proposed filter lane will be extended into Church Lane reducing its current width. This will cause further difficulties in terms of vehicles passing each other.

In addition, vehicles from companies such as Openreach and Severn Trent Water park at the bottom of the lane on occasion and a Police camera van was parked there after lunch on 24/02/2022.

The proposed traffic light configuration makes no reference to nor provision for vehicles to be able to exit Church Lane and turn right. There will be queuing traffic opposite which will be impossible to join, or traffic will be approaching from the right when the traffic lights are on green, or from Cresswell Lane again approaching Church Lane from the right. Turning left out of Church Lane does not provide an alternative as there is nowhere available to turn around and double back. Similarly there is no provision to turn right into Church Lane from the direction of Tean. Residents and users of Church Lane will effectively be marooned in the Lane or denied access by the proposed traffic light installation.

The documentation indicates that the Local Highway Authority has been consulted on this revised proposal. If this is the case, why has the LHA not recognised the omission of any reference to, or incorporation of, access and egress for Church Lane?

The original proposal for the construction of a roundabout would have facilitated the filtering of traffic entering and exiting Church Lane. The current traffic light proposals are inadequate and require further consideration.

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