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Objection to Variation of Planning SMD/2021/0829 – Land at Blythe Park Development

Dear Mr Haywood,

Please accept this as my objection to the variation of planning application SMD/2021/0829.

I am extremely concerned about the recent proposed variation. The main road through our small hamlet (Cresswell) is a very busy road. Speeding traffic is a common occurrence, and as I am sure you are aware there have been fatalities. We also have restricted footpath access, and a 'pinch point' on the Izaak Walton hill just beyond the railway line which only requires two larger vehicles attempting to pass each other to bring the road to a standstill. This is our current situation.

The proposed Blythe Park development is going to increase vehicular activity within Cresswell on a huge scale. The proposal to build over 160 new houses will bring both construction traffic and also new residential traffic in large numbers, and the expansion of the business base will compound this issue further. We were originally told that the access to the Blythe Park Development would be supported by the construction of a roundabout and an accompanying service road. Although none of these alterations are ideal, this proposal at least would also act as a traffic slowing measure and