

assist in improving safety in our village. However, we are now advised that the developer wish to replace this roundabout with a junction, removing any plausible safety benefits.

Similarly, we were originally told that there would be a further roundabout at the junction of Cresswell Lane with Uttoxeter Road Draycott to assist with traffic flow and safety, however traffic lights are now proposed. This is another 'snarl up' point, which is only compounded at busy times and if the A50 is closed between Uttoxeter and Blythe Bridge. The proposed development will only make this worse due to the increased residential and industrial traffic it will create. The introduction of traffic lights will restrict the free flow of traffic, leading to long backups at certain times of the day. Should this traffic backup as far as the pinch point in Cresswell, or indeed the railway line, there are potentially serious safety risks that need to be considered.

It is my understanding that monies have been 'ringfenced' in the form of an LEP fund to support improvements to the roads in Cresswell and Draycott that will be affected should the development of the land at Blythe Park go ahead. It is also my understanding that these monies were 'ringfenced' based upon the original proposal. The recent variations proposed by the developer are unsafe and inefficient and do not deserve support from any form of public money.

My final concern is that if the developer is allowed to renege on the original road safety aspects of their proposal, what aspects of the proposed development will they renege on next? The entire proposed development is unfeasible, with major concerns for the local environment. A large part of the proposed area is a known flood risk, and of even greater concern is the existence of highly hazardous substances in the area being developed (including fluorine, cadmium, and uranium oxide). How can we as residents trust that the developer will address these issues in a manner respecting of our safety when they are already prepared to water down any potential road safety measures?

I do hope you will view my concerns favourably,

Yours Sincerely,



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