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Submission: Objection

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To whom it may concern,

Please find below my objections and comments to the planning notice received by myself on 23/04/2024 and dated 18/04/2024.

Firstly I'd like to make clear, that I feel a potential drop off point for pupils may be a good idea, However, the plans as they stand currently, especially the change to pedestrian access show a lack of consideration to neighbours and how the changes may affect them, their safety as pedestrians and access to their properties. This is very disappointing, and therefore I must object.

The plans do not show the fact the properties along Leek Road, toward Leek, ie: 175, 177 etc have front gardens and drives that end beyond that of the high school, meaning the curb is narrower in front of the residences than the high school. It is already difficult to use the kerb at school times due to the volume of children and how narrow the kerb is.

Also not on plans, is the hedge that marks my boundary, approx 2m, that borders the curved curb area on plans. The hedge has been in situ for over 30 years. With the proposed guard rail on plans this will cause a bottleneck.

The proposed guard rail seems to go over the driveway of 175, again not considered on plans. This will make access to my property difficult and also impinge on my own deliveries as I rely on online shopping being a pensioner and having a disabled son.

There has been previous anti-social behaviour from pupils waiting to go into school. There has been damage to the hedge of 175 by pupils congregating on the curved kerb area and my drive obstructing access and the change to the location of the pedestrian gate will exacerbate this. Since I have notified the school regarding this, most children wait on the larger kerb outside the high school, where the current pedestrian gate is. If this was to continue they would need to cross the in/out vehicular access, that would be infinitely busier due to the proposed one way system to access the new pedestrian gate. This isn't making the school safer - it's changing where it is unsafe.

With the new proposed pedestrian gate moved next to 175, it will cause unsafe congestion to the narrow pavement in front of 175.

The increase in traffic at the current gated intercom vehicular entrance will be dangerous for pedestrians including children travelling along to St Luke's, and also my grandchildren visiting.

It is unclear where pupils will be crossed over the main A53 according to plans. If it is to stay in the current location opposite the current pedestrian gate, pupils of all local schools and members of the public crossed by the warden will still have to cross the in/out entrance which will be much busier due to the one way cars leaving. If children were crossed in front of my drive it would be dangerous to those passing in the pavement and would disrupt access to my property.

There are new trees proposed next to the boundary of 175. I feel the trees may impinge on the maintenance of the hedge - which is already poor. In previous years the hedge has been cut with a machine that cuts over the top, but this hasn't happened for a few years and with the hedge being so high it is difficult to keep in check as a pensioner. I also worry about the tree roots affecting my driveway, garage and drive.

In conclusion, I object to the new pedestrian access location. It is too close to my boundary, that has not been made clear on the plans, and will put pupils and members of the public in danger. It needs to be located on the wider part of the kerb and plans should be altered to provide for this.

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