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Submission: Objection

Comments: We are writing to express our strong objection to the revised Signal Junction arrangement proposed as part of the above application.

The diagram outlining the proposed traffic light layout has revised the service road so that it exits on to Uttoxeter Road adjacent to Church Lane. This is unsafe as there is no indication that drivers turning right will be able to see the traffic light settings at the point where the service road joins Uttoxeter Road. The same applies to drivers exiting Church Lane on to Uttoxeter Road.

Church Lane is a cul-de-sac and there are no alternative means of entry and exit. Currently it is possible to exit Church Lane when there is a gap in the traffic. Once traffic lights are installed there will be queuing traffic opposite the end of Church Lane so there will not be an opportunity to turn right. Residents in particular face being marooned in Church Lane. Turning right into Church Lane from the direction of Tean may cause delays to the traffic as there will be no feeder lane. Currently the hatchings in the middle of the road provide a space to wait for a gap in the traffic and this will need to continue.

These factors suggest that further consideration needs to be given to how traffic can safely exit the service road, and both enter and exit Church Lane. This could include a further yellow box on the opposite side of the road to the service road and Church Lane?

In addition, consideration could be given to the viability of part-time traffic lights that are active only during peak times in order to manage traffic flow more efficiently. This in itself would not resolve the issues for exiting the service road and Church Lane but could reduce pollution and noise for neighbouring houses.

Church Lane has been completely ignored in the proposals but it is not simply an unadopted lane with a few residential properties. It is used by the wider community on a regular basis especially visitors to St Margaret's Church and users of the Church Hall at the top of Church Lane. The hall is used by the parish council for regular meetings and also for elections. Access to Church Lane will be particularly difficult in the case of funeral processions.

Other users of Church Lane include:

Refuse vehicles

Oil delivery vehicles

Delivery vehicles including Royal Mail, parcels, white goods, furniture, garden supplies, horse feed etc

Farm vehicles, particularly tractors and large trailers

Service vehicles eg power, water, telephone lines etc

Large vehicles will need more space to be able to turn right out of Church Lane and the current diagram indicates insufficient space and a lack of ability to join the traffic owing to queuing at the traffic lights.

The installation of the traffic lights will result in increased pollution and noise from queuing traffic. Residents in the houses on Uttoxeter Road prior to the service road will be unable to reverse on to their drives owing to queuing and approaching traffic. They will then be forced to reverse out of their drives into traffic which is clearly dangerous and against Rule 201 of the Highway Code.

Service vehicles visiting houses along the service road will cause an obstruction as other vehicles will be unable to pass. Service vehicles will, however, be unable to park on the main road owing to the traffic lights.

Further consideration of the implications arising from these proposals is needed to achieve an equitable outcome for local residents. We urge members of the Planning Committee to address the issues raised in the submissions received.

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