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Submission: Objection

Comments: We both wholeheartedly object to the planning application, Application Reference No. : SMD/2025/0013, mainly for and not limited to the reasons listed below.

Access:

The revised diagram outlining the proposed junction arrangement has changed the service road exit so it no longer utilizes the lower portion of Church lane. This now creates two uncontrolled exits, neither exit (Church lane & service road) will be able to see the traffic light settings and thus will make it very dangerous when joining the Uttoxeter Road.

There are many users of Church Lane these 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 e.g. power, water, telephone lines etc.

Community use of Church and Church Hall

As Church Lane is a cul-de-sac there are no alternative means of entry and exit.

My wife and I own a touring Caravan, and even under the current layout we have to plan when we leave for our journey to avoid the busy periods of traffic. Once traffic lights are installed there will be queuing traffic opposite the end of Church Lane and position of the Traffic lights is such that if able to pull out, the space/sweep indicated on the diagram does not provide adequate room for any large or long vehicle to turn right, forcing us and other users of Church lane to go all the way to Uttoxeter to turn around allowing for travel west, north west, south or south west creating a detour of at least 14 miles.

Residents and local community impact:

Face being trapped on Church Lane.

Turning right into Church Lane from the direction of Tean may also cause issues to the flow of traffic as there will be no feeder lane. Currently the hatchings in the middle of the road provide a small space to wait for a gap in the traffic and this will need to continue.

With St Margaret's Church hall being the only community space in Draycott in the Moors, it is a vital building for the community in large, without adequate access onto and from Church Lane this will impinge on its use and therefore will have a detrimental effect on people's mental health.

The Church hall is used as a meeting venue for: Draycott in the Moors Parish council; Womens Institute; Friends of St Margaret's Church, as a polling station for all types of elections and referendums, as a fortnightly community Café, the hall is also available for the many gatherings after Funerals Christening etc.

Lack of proper consultation:

As residents of Church Lane, we initially found out about the latest proposals through social media, this has since been rectified, but at a very late date and has given us very little time to understand the proposal fully and make properly informed comments.

When we purchased our property in 2006, there was no mention on our searches that Church Lane was an unadopted road, if this is the case, when did it become unadopted and why?

If this application is passed and Church Lane is still ignored, we would consider this decision irresponsible and potentially negligent and this would leave us no alternative but to seek legal representation!

On a wider scale:

The double road junction layout heading easterly seems very tight, each lane being noted as 3M wide given that articulated heavy goods vehicles are 2.55M wide and larger agricultural vehicles up to 3M wide, this will no doubt create a pinch point and potential for a far greater number of road traffic accidents on a regular basis.

The service road, is not part of the traffic light system, could easily become abused as a rat run, for impatient drivers trying to skip past a red traffic light.

The environmental impact will be exacerbated by constantly queueing traffic and will undoubtedly increase air and noise pollution.

As has been mentioned in other correspondences with reference to A50 traffic using the A521 as the only viable route between Blythe Bridge and Uttoxeter, this proposed junction will not help that traffic flow through Draycott in the Moors and will create bigger issues at other junctions along the village.

There are currently, no regulated pedestrian crossing between Blythe Bridge junction and Lower Tean, and by disrupting the natural flow of traffic it will make crossing the road a lot more dangerous especially for the more elderly and dog walkers in our community.

Thank you for your considerations.

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