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Submission: Objection

Comments: Having read the revised planning application, I object for the following reasons:

The survey states that the footpath is 2metres in width, where as, in places, there is no footpath and in some places the path is only 80cms. and as narrow as 40cms. This is already difficult for school pupils, those with young children and wheelchair users (one very disabled gentlemen lives on this road). The lack of accidents in the last 5 years is only because there is limited traffic outside of school opening and closing times. Pedesriens constantly have to cross back and forth over the road to use the limited footpath.

Since Mr has moved into his property and kept cattle there, the amount of traffic directly related to his property has significantly increased. In the week beginning the 28/4/2025 large tractors with lengthy trailers sped up and down the road at a speed, which given the size of the vehicles, was dangerously fast. As many as 3 trips within an hour were being made. Farm traffic will obviously increase with the number of cattle in order to keep them supplied with feed and bedding and remove waste. Silaging, hay making, muck spreading will all add to the volume of traffic. The fact that there have been no accidents for 5 years is due to the care taken by the school bus companies and local residents. Such awareness has not been evidence from the drivers of Mr vehicles.

The revised planning application make no reference to waste management and therefore we are led to presume that additional traffic volume and smell will increase in order to facilitate waste disposal.

I am not assured that the amount of land Mr refers to will supply the feed/bedding for his cattle as this presume that all of his land is suitable for these purposes. Even a cursory look at the land, indicates that much of it will not support his needs. Therefore, the amount of traffic will increase.

During the hay making season in 2024, farm vehicles were speeding up and down the road late into the evening. The majority of residents in the vicinity of Mr property are elderly with some requiring care at home. It is unreasonable that they should have their sleep disturbed.

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