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Dear Sirs,

OBJECTION NUMBER 6 to application number SMD/2025/0243

Site address LAND EAST OF MANIFOLD DRIVE AND SOUTH OF RAKEWAY ROAD

MANIFOLD DRIVE BELOW SPECIFICATION

The Department for Transports Manual for Streets clearly states the specification of a street should meet the following criteria:

Street dimensions and character			
Minimum carriageway width	5.5 m		
Footway	2.0-3.0 m on each side		
Cycle way	No - Parallel routes provided on other streets		
Verge	No		
Private strip	2.0 m		
Direct vehicular access to properties	Yes		
Plot Boundary Treatment	2.0 m private area to building line with up to 1.0 m encroachment 0.9-1.1 m railing on plot boundary with footway		
Maximum number of properties served	Not restricted		
Public Transport			
Bus access	No		
Street design details			
Pull out strip	No		
Traffic calming	Features at 60 m-80 m c/c, parking, trees, formal crossings		Non parallel kerbs, variations in planting/ building lines, parking
Vehicle swept path to be accommodated	Removals/refuse vehicles enter and leave using own side of road only (assuming 20 mph)		Refuse vehicle passing car on street
On street parking	Yes, both sides, 2.0 m wide	Yes, one side, 2.0 m wide	Yes, one or both sides, informal
Gradients (footways)	1:15 Maximum, footway to follow carriageway		
Maximum forward visibility	33 m, 20 m (measured 1.0m out from kerb)		
Junction sightlines (x/y)	2.4 m/33 m		
Junction spacing-same side/other side	60 m/30 m		
Junction radii	4 m		
Stats services (excluding storm and capping layer drainage)	In footway, each side. Drainage below carriageway	Footways, where necessary	

The proposed development would increase foot traffic and necessitate major changes to Manifold Drive to improve the specification. Footways would be required on both sides of Manifold Drive. It is currently less than the minimum 5.5 metre width and only carries a footway on one side that is occasionally below the specified minimum of 2.0 metres. There are no traffic calming measures.

There is simply not enough space to bring Manifold Drive up to the Department for Transport's specification as detailed in Manual for Streets and no proposal is offered in the application.

Yours faithfully,

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