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Application Reference No. : SMD/2025/0013 Site Address: Land At Blythe Park Sandon Road Cresswell Staffordshire ST11 9RD Comments by: Cllr Luke EmeryDraycott-in-the-Moors Parish Council
From:

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Submission: Objection
Comments: Good morning, Mr. Johnston,

Thank you for your diligent work continuing to manage the application relating to changes to the highway in Draycott, as part of the access arrangements for the land at Blythe Park.

I appreciate the clarification from the highway officer about one point that was raised. Neither the highway officer nor the applicant have provided evidence to support or refute the serious concern that has been raised by parishioners about the ability for motorists to manoeuvre from the newly proposed exit to the access road heading towards either Stafford, Uttoxeter, or Stoke-on-Trent; these remain significant destinations for residents within the parish and, by extension, those passing through using Uttoxeter Road. This clearly presents the potential for conflict between road users who approach the proposed signalised junction from below the crest of a hill, when heading westbound, and the motorists departing the newly proposed service road junction who may not be able to manoeuvre with ease.

Data that has previously been used to assess the viability of junction arrangements at this location had a horizon which has now expired, please can the applicant and highway officer detail by what technical criteria it has been deemed that the positioning of this amended service road junction is safe and presents satisfactory space for vehicular movements.

After attending the recent Armistice Service at St. Margaret's, I was reminded of how busy Church Lane is, with visitors to the church and the busy calendar of events at the church/village hall. Has there been consideration for these vehicle movements, especially given the challenging gradient, and the cumulative impact of the junctions being sited side by side?

I note that the outstanding questions that were raised by Cllr. Deaville and Cllr. Birds remain unanswered by the applicant and highways officer; in addition to the points that they have so eloquently raised, I would appreciate clarification from the applicant and SCC highways concerning what party would be expected to either:

1. maintain and repair the proposed junction if damage is incurred by vehicle movements; or
2. replace the junction arrangement in full should the junction fail due to insufficient assessment of vehicle movements, speeds, and volumes.

It would be unacceptable for a failure the proposed junction arrangement to incur cost to the taxpayer when issues have been presented and not addressed with technical reasoning by the county highways department.

Please consider this as an objection to the proposed junction arrangement as, at this time, there remains insufficient information to make a properly informed opinion concerning this variation.

Many thanks and kind regards,

Luke

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