

Please find attached my objection to planning application ref **DC/25/1019**.

Kind regards.

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Road safety.

Any of the children living on this estate would have to cross this road each morning in order to catch the school bus, this would happen each morning, and in rush hour traffic, and most notably in winter, in low visibility and poor weather conditions.

A large percentage of the village lay to the east of this road and any friendships the children of these families form with the children of the other families in the village would leave them having to face the risk of their children repeatedly crossing and recrossing this road and at all times of the year. Again, most notably in winter.

The suggestion of an additional level crossing or the addition of a roundabout would only increase congestion on what is already a very busy road. There would be increased pollution from the starting and stopping vehicles, an increased chance of accidents, and it would introduce the temptation to cross in-between the traffic when it is momentarily stationary with all the dangers that that would bring. Namely, being trapped between vehicles, being crushed, not being seen between stationary lorries and vans and also stepping out of stationary traffic into moving traffic. Children, given their height, or lack thereof, being the most at risk group.

The road is used by push bikes, motorbikes, cars, works vans both large and small, and lorries, from 7.5ton to full size HGVs. This is the array of vehicles the residents would have to deal with, Daily.

A Vehicle traveling at 20mph, (which it won't be), would cause significant damage, be it a works vehicle, heavy goods vehicle or car. Having to brake in an emergency on the hill running down into the village due to backed up traffic, or traffic waiting to enter, or just exiting the proposed junction, in poor weather conditions and lack of visibility due to the character of this road, is extremely dangerous.

Pushbikes would also exit this junction under the brow of the hill.

Road safety is often used to object to developments, and oftentimes without merit. It is not the case in this instance. This is quite literally the residential equivalent of the American low head dam debacle, and the damage they caused.

They've been trying to shoehorn a housing estate in here for years, thankfully, without success. It is inappropriate to keep trying given the inherent dangers associated with it.

There are far more appropriate places to build developments that have both the infrastructure to support them and provide the safety that the perspective residents should expect. This is clearly not one of them.

For these reasons and the many others stated I call on HDC to rightly refuse this application.

Kind regards.