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Planning Application Number 14/17/0033.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to strongly oppose to the above planning application for the following reasons.

Our once small village has one through road, with the only Post Office/shop in the centre of the village.

This road which is narrow and has a number of blind corners and is now a "Rat Run" between the A 38 the park and ride facility and the A358. There is a virtual footpath at the narrowest section with a 20 MPH speed restriction. At best two small cars can pass at this point. Any commercial vehicle either large van or lorry forces a stop and give way situation. This is the first part of this road that causes traffic build up. Should a pedestrian be using the virtual footpath it is one vehicle at a time. The proposed planning application is on the outside of the existing village and will be the main access route for vehicles and pedestrians into the village. This can only make an already dangerous section more dangerous.

Our Village has a 2m width limit as well as an 18 Tonne weight bridge limit. It is evident that these limits are totally ignored by commercial vehicles and to my knowledge has never been monitored or enforced making our narrow road even more dangerous particularly for pedestrians.

The road outside the shop/Post Office has very limited parking, forcing parking on the roadside. This contributes to the second pinch point particularly as commercial vehicles service the shop or drivers stop use the shop. This section is also the main crossing place for our children to cross from the housing estates on their way to school. There is no pedestrian crossing and our lollypop person was disbanded many years ago. At peak "Rat Run" traffic times from around 07-30 to 10-00 and 4-00 to 7-00. Long queues build up on both sides.

I have photographic evidence to prove the problems we face every day particularly school days. As well as the pupils who attend the local primary school there are also the secondary school attendants who walk or bicycle over to Heathfield School.

I strongly oppose this development as another two hundred houses will only make the current appalling overcrowding of the limited village amenities and facilities worse.

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