



We wish our following comments to be taken into consideration:

1. Impact on highway safety

We live on Old Lane. It is a road, that gets seriously heavy with traffic at peak times- morning work/school and afternoon school finish, and teatime traffic. It is a busy bus route. The 283 buses, often pass each other at the same time on Old Lane. They often get stuck, leading to noise disturbance of horns papping, and the engine running, on a residential street. Buses have been stuck for 30 minutes, waiting for a vehicle owner to move their car, so it can resume its journey. It is used by families walking up to school and back. Old Lane narrows and bends, roughly halfway. As a result, traffic speed up from the junction of Whitehall road, A58, cutting up Old Lane, which then causes a 'who will give way' at the narrow bottle neck part of Old Lane. This leads to aggressive driving, cars mounting the pavement, as the road is not wide enough for 2 cars to pass each other safely.

We would like the whole of Old Lane to be looked at, if the 21 houses on Croft Street are approved. The houses in total have 58 bedrooms. This could/will mean 58 extra vehicles or more with visitors. Access, is proposed from Old Lane. We note there is parking with the houses, but cars will inevitably spill out onto parking on Old Lane. The Paragon Highways survey photos do not reflect current parking on Old Lane. Their report is dated June 2024. It has been redated January 2025 with little changing on its original report of June 2024. The report survey of cars took place 10.05 2024, (friday afternoon, May bank holiday week) recording traffic at non peak times, 1pm to 14.35 northbound, and 1pm to 3.15pm southbound.

Old Lane, becomes a cut through road, when there are traffic problems on the nearby motorways. Traffic jams, force vehicles to cut up/down Old Lane. Old Lane then becomes traffic locked.

We would like highways to seriously look at the safety, parking, and how to deter traffic mounting pavements, and reminding car drivers it is a 30mph area.

2. Noise disturbance, pollution from car engines.

As per our comments above, increased traffic with new residents, will have a massive impact. Old Lane cannot sustain this many extra vehicles, without the whole road from top to bottom being looked at and made safe, as part of a proposed development for 21 houses.