



I am writing to formally object to the proposed location of the entrance and exit for the planned housing development which is set to be placed onto Highmoor Lane, a quiet residential cul-de-sac.

Highmoor Lane is a cul-de-sac specifically intended for low traffic volumes and residential use. Turning it into a through-road to serve a large housing development undermines its original purpose and design, and would permanently alter the safety and character of the neighbourhood.

The end of our street, near the junction with the main road, already suffers from congestion due to cars regularly parked on both sides of the road. This narrows the available space and creates a bottleneck that restricts visibility and maneuverability. Introducing development traffic—including construction vehicles, delivery vans, and estate residents—will only worsen this issue, increasing the likelihood of accidents and delays.

Our cul-de-sac is home to many families with young children and elderly residents. The significant increase in traffic volume would present a genuine safety risk to pedestrians and cyclists. Currently, the low traffic flow allows children to play and neighbours to walk safely—conditions that would be lost with the proposed changes. May I also add, that only side of the road has a pavement, there are no road markings and is simply not wide enough to allow for parking down both sides of the road safely.

The road itself is not wide enough to handle the volume and type of traffic associated with a large housing estate. There is no suitable turning circle, and visibility is limited in several areas due to parked cars. This makes it unsuitable for regular two-way traffic, emergency service access, and service vehicles.

The proposed development borders Halifax road that is far more appropriate for access. It is already designed to handle regular traffic, has a 30mph speed limit enforced by speed cameras, and offers better visibility and turning space. Routing traffic via the main road would significantly reduce the impact on existing residential areas and is the more logical solution from a planning and safety perspective.

The cul-de-sac layout is one of the key features that makes this street peaceful and desirable. Turning it into a main access road for a new development will likely reduce property values, increase noise and air pollution, and negatively affect the wellbeing of current residents.

I urge the planning department to reconsider the current access proposal and pursue the clearly more suitable alternative via the Halifax road. The risks and disruption posed by routing traffic through Highmoor Lane far outweigh any possible benefit.