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Planning Application: 2025/93355

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Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to object to planning application 2025/93355 for 75 dwellings off Woodward Court/Hepworth Lane on grounds of highway safety, cumulative traffic impact and the unsuitability of access in the immediate vicinity of Crossley Fields Junior & Infant School.

The existing network—Hepworth Lane, Crossley Lane and nearby residential spurs—exhibits persistent constraints: narrow carriageways, frequent on-street parking, and several points where two vehicles cannot pass without reversing or mounting a kerb. At school start and finish times, these conditions intensify. Pavements are obstructed by badly parked vehicles, forcing young children and parents to walk in the road. Near-misses are common, visibility is reduced, and driver behaviour becomes unpredictable as queues form and gaps are sought.

Introducing traffic from 75 new homes will add daily car movements as well as delivery vans, refuse lorries and construction traffic. The applicant's reference to speed-reduction measures does not address fundamental problems of capacity and geometry. Speed tables cannot create footway width, remove parked vehicles or deliver safe passing places. Without continuous, unobstructed pedestrian routes, the scheme would worsen risk for those walking to and from the school.

The proposal must also be viewed in context. A sizeable development on Northorpe Lane has recently been approved, and Crossley Lane is a logical route that will experience load from both schemes. No holistic plan is offered to widen the carriageway, manage parking, improve sight lines or provide protected walking space. The result is cumulative harm to highway safety and residential amenity.

In short, the local roads are physically unsuitable for the additional traffic and the immediate school environment magnifies the consequences. The application fails to demonstrate a safe and sustainable outcome. I therefore ask the Council to refuse permission.