DC Admin

Sent: 29 January 2026 21:24
To: DC Admin
Subject: Objection to Planning Application 2025/93355 – Highway Safety and Traffic Impact

I wish to formally object to planning application 2025/93355.
I am a long-term resident living at the bottom of Wellhouse Lane, and I have lived in this location for over 40 years. This gives me extensive first-hand knowledge of traffic conditions and highway safety issues in the immediate area.
My objection is based on the following material planning considerations, specifically highway safety, congestion, and access:
Wellhouse Lane has experienced significant traffic problems for many years, particularly due to its narrow layout and the volume of vehicles using it.
My garden wall has been knocked down on at least five occasions by vehicles. This is indicative of how difficult it is for drivers to pass safely, especially when vehicles are parked and drivers are unwilling to give way. I have personally witnessed numerous altercations between motorists as a result.
On Christmas Day, vehicles were parked on the pavement at the bottom of Wellhouse Lane to such an extent that a grit spreader was unable to pass. The driver attempted to identify the owners of the vehicles without success and was ultimately forced to reverse approximately 200 metres up a very narrow lane, creating a clear safety risk.
I previously raised concerns with the Road Safety Team, who observed traffic conditions from the end of Grove Street during school drop-off times. At that time, I also reported being struck by a car wing mirror, following the lowering of pavements to road level to allow vehicles to manoeuvre past parked cars. This demonstrates the ongoing danger to pedestrians.
During school peak times, it is often impossible to exit my driveway or drive up the lane due to congestion and inconsiderate parking.
Woodward Court is already heavily congested with parked vehicles at the start and end of the school day. The introduction of traffic associated with the proposed development (including the Bellway homes) is likely to exacerbate existing problems, with parents potentially parking both on Wellhouse Lane and within the estate roads.
Given the existing and well-documented problems, I do not believe the local highway network can safely accommodate the additional traffic and parking demand generated by this development. The proposal risks worsening congestion, obstructing emergency and service vehicles, and increasing danger to residents and pedestrians.
For these reasons, I urge the Council to refuse this application, or at the very least require a robust and realistic highway safety assessment that fully accounts for school-related traffic, on-street parking behaviour, and the constraints of Wellhouse Lane.