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Formal Objection to Planning Application

2025-93355

Highway Safety Concerns

Dear Planning Officer, i wish to formally object to planning application 2025-93355 on the grounds of road and access safety. The proposal states that vehicles will exit onto Hepworth Lane with pedestrians and cyclists also using this access. This is a foot fare way for the children going to local schools.

Hepworth Lane is also a well- used walking route for children travelling to and from the local schools. Many Families use this route daily , and the increased vehicle movements would expose them to greater risk. The proposed short footpath section does not provide a safe, continuous pedestrian route or address the wider safety concerns for schoolchildren and older people living on the street using Hepworth Lane.

The applicant acknowledges that larger vehicles. such as refuse lorries or work lorries entering the site. will be unable to turn left or right when exiting because the junction is too restricted. This alone demonstrates that the access arrangement is fundamentally unsuitable. The Lane already suffers from limited width, visibility and no continuous pedestrian infrastructure. Adding more traffic, alongside pedestrians and cyclists, will inevitably increase the risk of conflict and accidents. The application itself notes that intensification of traffic on Hepworth Lane has previously been identified as unsuitable.

Yet no substantive highway improvements are proposed to address those known problems. A short section of footpath near the access does not resolve the inherent limitations of the lane, nor make it safe for increased traffic. For these reasons, i consider the proposal to present an unacceptable risk to motorists, pedestrians and cyclists. I respectfully request that the council refuse planning permission on highway safety grounds.

Yours Faithfully