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Planning and Development Service
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Your Ref: 2021/92603

Dear Sir or Madam,

I wrote to you in August last year about this planning application. I understand the developer has since submitted some amendments to the application and you are now accepting comments about this until the 31st of May.

I am writing to express that I still hold these concerns:

Increase in Traffic.

The development will create an increased traffic that is much higher than can be accommodated by the M62, A58 and Chain Bar roundabout. These roads are already extremely busy and are often subject to holds ups and traffic jams.

Last Tuesday, my partner visited me in Huddersfield Hospital, using the M62 from Junction 26 to 24, around 3pm. She was delayed by 45 minutes on what would usually be a 20 minute journey. On the way back she was delayed by 30 minutes at Chain Bar. The M62 can be an excellent link to Manchester, Leeds and to the M1, but the frequent and unpredictable delays can make using it a frustrating experience.

With the added traffic from Amazon, these problems will be massively exacerbated, traffic will move onto other smaller roads magnifying the problems below

Safety Issues.

The site is close to local schools where many pupils walk or cycle to school. The extra traffic will increase the risk of accidents for them, discourage green travel and result in more children being driven to school, generating even more traffic.

Whitechapel Road is part of the North Kirklees riding route. (<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/food-exercise-and-sport/search-for-walking-and-cycling-routes/details.aspx?routeId=28>). The extra traffic would be incompatible with the stated aims of the route.

“This route is intended to provide a pleasant day's ride to explore some rural areas of North Kirklees. No special type of cycle is required as most of the route is on surfaced country roads and the bridleways are easily accessible.”

Air Quality.

Local schools already have very poor pollution levels, at the 81st percentile in the UK. It is appalling to suggest these should be worsened.

I completely agree with the detailed objections raised by Save Our Spen at

<https://saveourspen.co.uk/2022/05/10/objection-letter-from-a-save-our-spen-committee-member/>

Yours