

Jennie Austin statement - Local concerns are not being sufficiently heard and further confused by appellant's insufficient research

Catchment area – new houses in this area will be closer distance wise to both primary and secondary schools than many of the centre village homes, even though the long 'safe' walking route means all will use cars to deliver their children to school. If this displaces children from central village to school locations in other villages then the impact on the roads would be double.

Accidents – Satchell Lane is busy, narrow and dangerous. Local neighbours have regularly been hit by cars near the blind bend close to the proposed access when cars push them into the hedgerows. Angela Fowler raised her accident in her objection to the application but since then Denise Freeman who witnessed Angela's incident, has also been hit by a car. Angela says, "We're locals, we're careful and yet it still happens" Cars travelling too fast regularly go off the road at the blind bend the other side of the site, notably recently closing the road.

Site access - The whole perimeter of the site is too narrow with blind bends either side, it can only be widened on the planning site side and this involves the removal of established and protected bluebell banks and trees. The actual proposed site access very near the blind bend does not have Section 278 approval and appellant's desk based research does not address that the safe site lines required CANNOT be achieved, without impacting privately owned land both sides of the road and a significant lowering of land levels risking further water run off onto the road on a slippery blind bend. Note this corner is actively used by wading birds through the wet season.

Water runoff mitigation schemes – Locally we have no comfort they will work. To give a very personal local perspective, the appellants seem to ignore the fact that the lower level of the field is still at least 1 metre higher than my garden. Are they really expecting to hold water in the planned drainage suds on the other side of my wall above ground level! My house is less than 4 metres away from this wall and additionally the flow route indicated by a blue arrow on the map runs off under my garden where it will encounter my swimming pool (3 metres deep in addition to the 1 metre drop and then there is a drop of more than another metre from our garden there to Satchell Lane) Physics doesn't work here unless the suds are incredibly deep!

Local wildlife streams and ponds - Desk based research doesn't agree with local knowledge so important surveys have been missed including that; the stream running from the airfield to the river is not a dry salt water river fed ditch but has a strong freshwater wildlife supporting flow and that there is a local naturalised pond within feet of the site where newts have been observed.

Loss of Amenity – The site looms up to 15 metres over the lower Satchel Lane area bringing Light and Noise pollution to a quiet residential area. The main road will point headlights directly into surrounding houses and the street lighting will remove our dark starry skies.

Road closure – Satchell Lane is currently closed between Mercury Marina and St Agatha's even if it is open by the time that the enquiry does its site walks traffic will not have returned to normal.

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