

Site Reference: GNLP5004 - land off Buxton Road, Eastgate, Cawston
EMAIL CONFIRMATION OF RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION

Dear Sirs

This is to confirm my response to the Consultation, which I posted online on behalf of myself and my wife, Mrs Jane Steward.

Summary

This site is wholly unsuitable for the proposed development from a road safety point of view. In our view, it would involve danger for drivers, pedestrians and animals.

Full Text

1. We believe that this site is wholly unsuitable for the proposed development from a road safety point of view. We live on [REDACTED] and we are very familiar with the road traffic issues at this location.

2. The site assessment information says that "*The site is slightly disconnected from the local services*". This understates the situation. In fact, it would require the users of the pitches to drive to use local services, partly because of distances and partly because of the absence of footpaths and safe routes for pedestrians.

3. The concern is not only about the resulting "*increase*" in travel patterns, which could be significant from four pitches, but also the danger presented by the context of access to and from the site.

4. We note in particular the following in the site assessment information: "*...a suitable vehicular access from Buxton Road is likely to be achievable*" and "*it will not to lead to [sic] a significant increase in traffic on local roads or a significant increase in unsustainable travel patterns*".

We disagree strongly. In fact, the site is close to a blind corner which is approached from both Easton Way and Falgate. The road by the site is narrow, with no footpaths, pavements or street lighting. It is approached from Holt Road by a long straight, which requires rapid slowing at the corner and on which vehicles frequently exceed the speed limit. The road is often used by very large agricultural vehicles and HGVs. Among other things, these leave no space for another vehicle to pass. It is a particularly unsafe location for children and animals. As such, there would be a serious danger to the users of the pitches.

5. There is a suggestion that a hedgerow would be removed to achieve an "*acceptable visibility splay*". This clearly acknowledges that there is an issue with visibility. It is not clear to which hedgerow this refers. Even if it were the hedge on the corner with Falgate, the visibility there would still be poor, because of the alignment between Falgate and Buxton Road, and the limited visibility from that corner along Easton Way.

Yours faithfully
David Steward

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