

Hi Dave

I note there have been a couple of concerns raised from different parties in the village, and I offer the following to add to the Highway Authority comments already provided.

Regarding Mr Shepperd's Letter

The developer did provide evidence of the speed survey; the results were confirmed in paragraph 4.4.6 of the submitted Transport Assessment, and the full details were provided by the developer which I have attached to this email. The developer has confirmed their agreement to these being made public.

Whilst the developer did put forward the possibility of extending the speed limit the surveys undertaken highlighted the fact that this was not needed in order to make the scheme acceptable in highway terms and as such could not be included in conditions or mitigation requirements.

Regarding the Parish Council's Comments

As has been addressed previously, the matter of cumulative effect on the area would be something the Local Planning Authority could consider. I note the Parish has also requested a cumulative assessment.

The proximity of additional accesses to the site access has also been noted and this Authority would be pleased to see this matter considered further by the applicant, but we have to assess the proposals as submitted and the surveys provided show this particular scheme will not create a highway safety or efficiency issue.

The numbered items 1-4 included in the Parish's email concern trip generation, and survey parameters presented in the submitted information. This information was based on nationally accepted guidance for the production of Transport Assessments, and the TRICs database which is, again, accepted across the UK.

Item number 5 concerns the turning movements out of the site and the surveys and speed figures provided have shown that visibility splays commensurate with the speed of vehicles can be provided thus maintaining the safety of highway users.

Please note that with regard to the Covid-19 situation, for the foreseeable future Somerset County Council Officers have been advised to work from home wherever possible. All meetings have been cancelled and all unnecessary travel has been stopped. We will attempt to ensure the situation does not impact on work or timescales as far as is possible but there may be unavoidable consequences in some cases. Thanks you for your patience and understanding during this difficult time.

Kindest regards

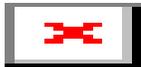
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