

PLANNING COMMENT FOR APPLICATION REF: 5/2020/3022

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Object to Proposal

Dear Sir/Madam,

No documents appear to be on the planning portal so I assume the submission is effectively unchanged from application 5/2019/2429 and includes a signalled junction on the A405.

I am writing to strongly object to the proposed signalled junction under this planning application. I do not object to the housing proposals per se. However, a junction on the A405 is unnecessary and a high risk to the health of those living in the adjacent area.

Two roundabouts are very close at the Noke and Tippendell Lane. These are more than adequate to facilitate ingress and egress from either direction on the A405 and could be enhanced by slip lanes into and out of the proposed development.

The establishment of a completely unnecessary junction raises the risk of health hazards and even early death to local residents. This is supported from emerging evidence into air pollution. It is Council Policy to reduce harmful emissions, not to approve measures that would increase them. The additional risk to poor health and even fatal illness is clear.

The following extracts from formal documents and research support the arguments set out above:

St STEPHEN PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN Pre-Submission (Regulation 14) Consultation draft

There is a series of pinch points on the strategic highways network where high traffic volumes are frequent, impacting on congestion and air quality - A405 / B4630 (Noke) roundabout - main impact on traffic approaching from the north, from both the A405 and the B4630 Watford Road from St Albans / Chiswell Green. 4. A405 / A414 / A5183 (Park Street) roundabout - impacts upon traffic joining roundabout from all directions.

St ALBANS COUNCIL website – AIR POLLUTION

We are committed to cutting harmful emissions and making the District carbon neutral by 2030.

WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM REPORT 2015

Why traffic lights are pollution hotspots:

With drivers decelerating and stopping at lights, then revving up to move quickly

when lights go green, peak particle concentration was found to be 29 times higher than that during free-flowing traffic conditions.

GOOGLE

A 9-year-old girl's death certificate will be 'the first in the world' to list air pollution as a cause after a fatal asthma attack. Air pollution was a cause of 9-year-old Ella Kissi-Debrah's death, a UK coroner ruled Wednesday 16th December 2020. She died of an asthma attack in 2013.

I strongly urge the Council not to put residents at additional health risk by approving a signalled junction.

Yours faithfully,

A J Potter