

Sent: 17 June 2024 19:43
To: planningcomments
Subject: 5/2022/0599 Objection

Dear Inspector,

I would like to object to Tarmac's updated drawing of the access road.

The angle of the entrance into the football club gate shown in the map is actually impossible to drive. To give a sensible angle, suitable for the larger 4x4-type vehicles which are increasingly popular, a number of spaces would be lost on the parish council's land. These spaces would be lost in addition to all of the spaces on the opposite side of the car park. At least 21 spaces by my reckoning and more for a football match. These vehicles will be displaced to park dangerously on the highway.

Children will be given false sense of safety - they do not expect to find cars driving across the footway and especially not driving diagonally along the footway. Given that the parish council have just built a brand new children's park at the football club, it is to be expected that children will come into contact with cars outside of school pick up and drop off, perhaps during twilight too and without adults who are much more visible to drivers.

This is an important wildlife corridor and refuge, we often see hedgehogs travelling along the fence. The road will destroy a number of mature trees and hedging as it enters the site. If given permission, the habitat in front of 96 to 106 High Street becomes completely isolated and therefore genetically less robust.

The removal of the lamp post makes this area unsafe - it's very dark for those using the football club and even for leaving school after clubs in the winter.

The 2m pavements and road will be completely against the character of the village - not even the High Street looks that urban. The plans are insensitive to the character of the village.

I am told that councils rarely adopt roads these days - who will be responsible for the upkeep of the road, including policing the parking restrictions that will be needed to keep pedestrians safe. Tarmac suggested in the council chamber that cars could park down one carriageway of the road. This would mean young children crossing between parked cars - not at all safe.

I urge you to refuse this appeal,
Kind regards

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