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Mr Nick Gammer,

First may I thank you for your interest and comprehensive reply. The Peel Common Residents have been very disappointed in the lack of interest from all local authorities for the concerns we have and it is slightly refreshing that Hampshire CC have replied.

At this point however I must state that your reply was extremely disappointing in that it did not cover the main concerns outlined in our Letter of Concern. Firstly, we are aware of the detail you provided containing the quotes from the appeal decision and also the HA mitigation on the original application with its consideration of the site access. However, It has always been possible to pick holes piece by piece in the authorities conclusions. As an example, providing 5 additional parking spaces by the developer. It is football season and the last two Sunday mornings has seen up to 17 cars parked at the Brookers Lane road area. A common failure is often a lack of consideration to obtain a traffic view from the local population, who after all have best knowledge of the changing traffic conditions and varying factors throughout the year. Relying on a traffic assessment, provided by the developer and a very limited independent road safety audit does not fill our residents with confidence. The parking of vehicles on the roads through the Peel Common estate is extremely heavy and the consideration of the general movement of traffic to visit shops/supermarkets notwithstanding the peak periods in the morning or late afternoon is inadequate

It is difficult not to come to the conclusion that Hampshire Highways are quite happy to funnel extra traffic through estates and buildup areas rather than compromise the traffic on the new Newgate Lane East road. It also begs the question that if the future predicted traffic flow is so marginal why is assess denied directly to the new road? You also state that HA will not support use of The Brookers Lane road for further development north of the site and refer to Condition 5 part d of the appeal decision. We get no satisfaction from this comment. The appeal to build the 99 houses also lacked support from our two local authorities but the building still got the go ahead. Statements of intention are meaningless when decisions to overrule are so easily applied.

The policy to await a traffic casualty collision history is viewed as fire fighting management. It is difficult to understand why even the basic measures to facilitate safety are not being considered. Traffic signs such as School 20 when lights flashing, safety road markings, parking restrictions and better awareness of speed restrictions should be foremost in the planning of this change of road use.

Finally our major concern is the safety of our residents and visitors to the Peel Common Estate. The roads are very busy and crowded with standing cars, the Drive in particular. The Highway authority should be aiming to reduce traffic on these roads, not increasing it.

Despite your response the Peel Common Residents Association will continue to press ahead with its matter of safety concern for our resident members.

Regards

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