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Dear Sir or Madam

We would like to add a further concern to our previous statement. Having taken time to observe traffic, look at the proposed extra flow of HGVs in particular and look at the proposed parking allocation we are concerned about the build up of stationary traffic in the High Street, potential danger points and resident parking.

First of all the allocation of parking is way below what is needed for residents, guests and cafe use. It underestimates how many people park on the street because of the difficulty of using off street places also the number of casual stops by the cafe as well as the number of houses with one space outside but two vehicles. This in turn will lead to a 2-300m stretch of snaking single file traffic with occasional spaces for cars to tuck in. We have seen several stand offs where neither side see it as their duty to back down. Adding 23 HGVs per hour leaves us with a cumulative total of one every two minutes. It just takes the probable and regular coincidence of two lorries in opposite directions to cause chaos. Add to that ploughing or planting times and you will have large HGVs reversing up and down the street.

A further aspect of this is the amount of stationary traffic waiting for clearance. The vibration fumes and noise on a street where houses are often only set back 2m will make life intolerable, every 2 minutes, every hour, 12 hours a day, 6 days a week.

A final aspect is the creation of danger points. Traffic comes round the bridge from Reepham quite fast and then past the village hall quite fast. In both places traffic will approach stationary vehicles round blind bends (the road outside the village hall is not wide enough for two HGVs to pass, they will stop and mount the pavement, traffic will back up behind parked cars opposite Church St) and meet queues of traffic. HGVs will also find manoeuvring past parked cars down Chapel St extremely difficult without mounting pavements causing danger to pedestrians.

The site team from Horsea stated the road by Whitehouse Farm was wide enough for 2 HGVs to pass. He was only there 15 minutes to concede that what is mathematically possible just does not happen. The same is true of countless pinch points in the village. It seems common sense is being outweighed by rules and statistics because we live on a B road and because technically it is wide enough more sensible options are not being pursued..

There has to be a better route or a better site than Oulton

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