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The Planning Inspectorate – Norfolk Boreas
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Dear Madam/Inspectors,

I would request that you recommend to the Secretary of State that he withholds approval of this project until such time as the applicant has demonstrated a sufficiently effective traffic management plan in and around the villages of Cawston and Oulton. I hope that at the meetings I have attended with you so far I and others have convinced you that the applicants proposed solution does not address the problems caused by the cumulative effect of three separate schemes, and now potentially a fourth, coming through the narrow centre of Cawston. For up to 11 years residents will have to suffer a deterioration in their air quality, excess noise and vibration, damage to public health and the heritage of the village.

The County Council Highways Department have stated that they are not entirely happy with the scheme, although they now believe it to be 'technically possible'. However, recent drawings received from the applicant which show trucks and cars to scale, show that that if more than two vehicles meet at the triangle at the junction with Chapel Street gridlock will ensue. Sight lines prevent vehicles from anticipating a meeting and it will not therefore be apparent to drivers until they are already in a gridlock situation. It is also inevitable that trucks will have to mount the narrow pavements. This will endanger life and property. I know you are aware of how very close houses are to the road in the centre of the village. You know you have a problem when the applicants solution, on being challenged on the potential damage to property/people, was that HGV drivers could fold back their wing mirrors whilst passing through the centre of the village. The applicants current proposal does not address the impact on businesses, parking or what compensation they would offer for disruption to the businesses and individuals effected.

I have, as you are ware, on several occasions in the past suggested an immediate solution to this problem. Which is for the applicants to relocate their distribution depots to an alternative site, on a major road/HGV route. This would mean the concentration of HGV's passing through Cawston, Oulton and other villages on the route would be limited to the short period they are servicing the cable route round those villages and not for the entire 11 years.

Yours faithfully,
Cllr Greg Peck.
County Councillor for Reepham Division.
District Councillor for Eynesford Ward.
(both District ward and County Division include Cawston)