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Subject: My objection that I read out at meeting in Wisbech a couple of weeks ago

I work for the NHS and my job entails travelling patients to and from various hospitals in the surrounding area. At times these patients are extremely ill, some even end of life. It can take at times two or more hours to get from Wisbech to Queen Elizabeth Hospital @ Kings Lynn which is only about 13 miles, we do try going back roads at times if appropriate, and again we get grid locked in traffic as it stands right now, I cannot imagine how awful it will be for patients and staff if we have another 300 plus lorries coming into our local area. .

Front line crews are also stretched in Wisbech as it is a very small station and again a lot more traffic on the roads will in my opinion put people's lives at risk where at times Ambulances have to travel from Peterborough or Kings Lynn along the A47 single carriageway to deal with call outs in the Wisbech or the surrounding village area.

The A47 roads are awful and very dangerous already with the pot holes as it stands. I believe I read in our local newspaper that funding for road improvements has been mostly been pulled due to the sheer volume of costings. As it stands and this again is my strong belief that accidents are bound to happen with traffic building up with extra Lorries on these roads, and people taking passing chances. The Lorries will only further damage to existing bad roads as the A47 is mainly a single carriage roadway and was never built for the existing traffic, not alone anymore heavy Vehicle's .

Road closures I asked the question at a meeting with MVV employees about what will happen when road closures are put into place (and believe me this happens often as again only single carriage ways shut lanes even with the smallest RTCs) I was told that they will use their sat navs and go whatever way it shows. If someone looks into where these monsters will pass it's through the smallest villages whose roads won't cope as they don't now, and these small county lanes are not suitable for any HGVs

I was told that they will use main roads (if you can call them that) as companies will have to sign an agreement to this effect, but when I asked how this will be policed they said they couldn't. So again these monster Lorries will pass through our small villages again causing grid lock if not worse.

Wisbech has started to experience sink holes due to the everyday traffic as it stands and when these occur Wisbech comes to a standstill.

Weasenham lane where most of the lorries will travel to and from site (MVV say mainly in the building stage but I would challenge this) also has had numerous road closures due to the road not coping with the traffic that travels a long in day in day out. This road has been closed for weeks in the past few years, again causing the town centre and surrounding areas to a standstill.

The NHS staff have struggled for years getting patients to hospital both quickly and safely Traffic is getting worse year upon year. We try our best to make sure everyone gets the treatment needed as quick as possible, or to their hospital appointments on time.

I have many other objections and could go on and on but my main objection is the impact on our community through the traffic implications, and putting peoples life's at risk either by front line emergency crews not getting through in time, or accidents due to the sheer amount of extra Lorries in our small historic town and surrounding area.

Many thanks for taking the time to read my objections and considering my valid points.

Kind Regards Amanda Gower

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