

If this development goes ahead then our business is very likely to suffer huge if not catastrophic consequences. Due to the major congestion on the roads leading in our estate (Oakendene Industrial Estate, Cowfold) that will occur for a long period of time our staff will not be willing to continue working for us, our suppliers (5 articles of goods 3 days a week) will not be prepared to deliver to us due to the hold ups, our own vehicles will be unable to fit their runs into the hours drivers are allowed to drive under their tachograph rules as they will have to allow a much longer time to get both out of and back into the estate each day.

Our customers will not be prepared to get caught up in the congestion of getting in and out of our estate and will invariably look to go to a competitor as they cannot afford the delay that will occur.

The amount of traffic congestion and upheaval this will cause is extremely worrying. We have been trading for 35 years on this estate and employ 20 people who have to travel by car to get here as there are no pathways from any village to enable them to park up somewhere and walk in. The A272 is not a safe road to walk on.

We would be devastated should this order be granted and it would ruin a lot of people's livelihood. The A272 and village of Cowfold cannot cope with the level of traffic congestion this will cause. It will be carnage. It's bad enough if one delivery driver pulls up on the side of the Road opposite the field to do a delivery as the backlog of traffic can be 20 minutes plus then. It really would be the worst possible thing that could happen to this community and certainly this Industrial Estate that has a number of businesses within it.