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Dear Ms Mignano

I would like to suggest some further points to visit on the next site inspection. These would be:

1. Stoke Road in Blisworth. In particular 47 Stoke Road and also in the vicinity of the doctors' surgery which is almost opposite Greenside on Stoke Road.
2. Knock Lane, between Stoke Road and the village of Roade.

Rationale: By introducing a no right turn at the junction of Courteenhall Road and the A508, traffic from Northampton (A45) to Blisworth will have to pass either through Collingtree or through Roade to reach Blisworth. I believe the traffic forecasts for the use of these alternative routes has been understated in Roxhill's documentation. As I explained in my written representation, the reduction of vehicles travelling west on Courteenhall Road is greater than the combined increases of traffic along the two alternative routes I have outlined (my paragraph 228).

Furthermore there are always some cars parked close to 47 Stoke Road as some of these properties do not have garages. Stoke Road is also at its narrowest near the doctors' surgery. Knock Lane is generally about one metre narrower than Courteenhall Road. It is not wide enough to have a white line painted down the middle of the road, unlike Courteenhall Road. It is difficult for two cars travelling in opposite directions to pass on Knock Lane. This is also true outside the doctors' surgery in Stoke Road and impossible outside 47 Stoke Road due to the parked cars.

To see the issues involved, it may be best to visit Stoke Road and Knock Lane at either the morning or evening peak period.

Another suggested area to visit would be as follows:

3. High Street, Collingtree south of Ash Lane/Watering Lane, and Ash Lane and Watering Lane near where they meet the High Street.

Rationale: Some employees may find it easier to park in Collingtree High Street and walk across the bridge over the M1 to get to work if they are based in one of the warehouses in the northern part of the Northampton Gateway site. In doing so they could avoid whatever traffic congestion issues occur on the A508 and M1 junction 15. However, this part of Collingtree is quite unsuited to extra numbers of vehicles parking throughout the day or night on narrow roads some of which already have many parked cars. It may be desirable to ban employee parking in this area, although that would be difficult to enforce.

I am not asking to attend these site inspections.

Many thanks

Kind regards

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