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With reference to the above proposal, please find our comments below.

Pedestrianising the current bus lay-by outside the Co Op would cause more congestion on the planned narrowed road by restricting the available parking. At present the Co Op has only 4 offroad parking spaces and 1 disabled parking bay, with the overflow taking to street parking. The Co Op is the location of the ATM in the village and also a parcel 'drop and collect' unit. As such parking at various times often presents a challenge when residents and other drivers utilise the facilities in and outside the Co Op. There is a risk that this will encourage vehicles to park on the junction with Hinckley Road/Leicester Road and Church Street, blocking Pedestrians and add to the congestion caused by vehicles held up when turning off the Leicester road to seek parking or travel down Church Street.

Narrowing the Hinckley Road/Leicester Road is poorly thought out, as it will not restrict the number of Lorrays coming through Sapcote, but merely cause a bottleneck to exist. There is no provision for what happens when there are two oncoming vehicles meeting in the narrow part of the road, which could force vehicles onto the pavements to avoid a collision. There is no guidance for who would be required to give way. Neither vehicle will be safe backing up at this point. I anticipate gridlock occurring on a daily basis. This in turn could encourage traffic to seek out other, less safe, routes around the village.

Further, It adds another point where vehicles will form queues when giving way by parked cars. These are present at all times of the day outside the day nursery on Hinckley Road, by the thatched cottages on Leicester Road, and the houses on Leicester Road coming out of the village (Granitethorpe). The junction of Sharnford Road, Leicester Road and Grace Road is a busy junction in the village where traffic often has to wait.

Moving the bus stop into a new lay-by raises a number of concerns:

Currently the bus stop outside the Co Op ensures children waiting for the school buses are away from the road on the pavement outside the Co Op. Moving it to a narrower part of pavement on Leicester Road poses pedestrian congestion as children waiting for the bus wait, parents taking their children to the primary school on foot and other residents walking through the village pose a risk of accidents with vehicles.

Is the proposed layby going to be deep enough to accommodate a bus without further restricting either the road or pedestrian path width?

When a bus is in the lay-by it hides the proposed oncoming traffic warning sign to other vehicles.

The plan does not consider drivers or residents vehicles stopping outside the houses in Lord Bassett Close, due to the restricted vehicle access, when delivering and loading which will cause more congestion and it is unclear how a heavy goods vehicle will get

through during this time and what contingencies there are to solve for this.

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