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The additional information provided by the applicant around the increased traffic and impact on local villages does not fully address the issues around the road infrastructure - including but not exclusively the lack of capacity for non motorway routes.

I have a specific interest in the junction of Normandy Way and Ashby Road which has two blind approaches and already suffers from a significant accident rate.

Tonight there was yet another accident between a lorry and a car and since the original applicant there have been further deaths.

There is insufficient scope on this route to adapt to make it suitable for a additional freight and I can't understand why the approach isn't to push traffic down the motorway to the development and not through routes outside of the A5, M69, M6 and M1 - doesn't make any sense.

They failed to address the issue of the A5 and the 'railway' bridge - in essence saying it wasn't their problem.

The proposed 'monitoring' and 'fines' for a limited period will not deter traffic from using routes identified by the applicant and do not go far enough in terms of the financial punishment.

Again on a personal note, our house already suffers from large freight travelling past at speeds in excess of the speed limits and we struggle to get off the drive due to lorries and buses.

I have my concerns over the general impact on the environment, air quality and surrounding villages but these have all been well documented, along with whether there is an actual need with the proximity of DIRFT (and we've seen how that affects the roads and villages) but the road infrastructure isn't there and would/should need a huge amount of investment before even considering this as an option.

The original decision to refuse in my opinion should be upheld but appreciate the complexities of a project and decision like this.

Thank you for taking the time to consider these comments.

Regards

Anthony Ward