

Road Traffic Accidents in Fressingfield

Re planning applications 1432/17; 1449/17 and 1648/17 for Fressingfield

Dear Councillors,

Between June 2007 and June 2017 Suffolk County Council have released details of 13 car accidents within Fressingfield, a small hinterland village of only some four hundred dwellings. Two of these were fatal. One of these **fatalities** was within the thirty mile an hour limit zone on Harleston Hill which has seen repeated accidents, due to the bad visibility of the steep exit and approach of the village. As recently as May this year another accident within the thirty mile an hour zone occurred at Jubilee Corner at the congested and narrow hairpin bend in the centre of the village.

The vast number of accidents in this small rural village cannot be ignored and in reality the figures are far greater than the official numbers suggest because many go unreported to the police if not serious or fatal.

Other locally known reports in the village include damage done by collisions into properties by lorries (for example on the right angle bend at the centre of the village, at Jubilee House) and by vehicles approaching the village at too great a speed from the Weybread Straight. Here, as the road drops and bends suddenly many vehicles lose control. The narrow and twisting roads with the lack of footpaths in the village are a constant potential for fatalities both for school children, pedestrians and motorists.

Even without the existing dangers of this small medieval village which is ill equipped to deal with the amount of traffic it has - we now face the added traffic imposed by the new 47 homes granted and not yet built - without these new applications which will dwarf the infrastructure and result in real harm. This will escalate traffic and accidents to an unreasonable level. The existing roads here are unsustainable for such development which would make everyday life within the village unsafe and unsuitable both for pedestrians and motorists. The residual cumulative impacts of further development here are **severe** and significantly detrimental to the safety of the community here and should be refused in line with Planning Policy Framework Paragraph 32.

Yours sincerely

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