

Dear Councillor,

Planning Applications 1432/17, 1648/17, 1449/17 and the agreed School lane application for 18 houses and a Baptist Chapel.

I wish to bring to your attention the implications of agreeing the above applications on child safety in the village of Fressingfield. I am a retired Headmaster and for 5 years was a governor of our V.A. Primary and Infant School so I have relevant and intimate knowledge of this area of child protection. You will not be surprised to know that on the grounds of child safety alone I wish to strongly object to the above developments, proposed and agreed, but you will also have received from me a letter of objection on the grounds of unsustainability on behalf of the Fressingfield Housing Working Group, of which I am Chairman.

### ENHANCED CHILD SAFETY DANGERS

- 1) Many of the 123 children, aged 3-11, attending the village school are driven to school and so School Lane does become gridlocked, morning and afternoon. Fortunately, being a cul-de-sac, traffic movements are slowed (**presently, see next paragraph**) but an increase in the school population to nearly 200 would create hugely increased parking and safety problems.
- 2) MSDC has exacerbated the safety problem by granting planning permission for an 18 house build, plus Chapel, beyond the end of School Lane thus turning a cul-de-sac into a through road. Traffic **flows** and **speeds** will be increased, potentially to dangerous levels.
- 3) If you allow 1449/17 to go ahead you will have much greater volumes of traffic entering the Stradbroke Road **right by the entrance to School Lane**, and at peak times, greatly increasing the dangers to young children.
- 4) To make matters even worse, just down the road, towards Stradbroke, the chicken factory is **tripling its capacity** and will thus produce three times the number of heavy, articulated lorries on this road, many of which will pass by School Lane and go on through the village.

I hope you will give serious thought to these important safety points which I have made. Congestion is great enough already in and near School Lane and I am certain that further housing developments will make the area unacceptably dangerous for our young children.

Thank you for taking time to read this letter

Yours sincerely,

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