

**Dear Councillor**

**Subject: Planning Application Refs: 1432/17; 1648/17; 1449/17.**

I would respectfully bring to your notice the very serious and dangerous traffic issue which will, not may, but will occur if these planning applications are approved

We live on the B1116 Harleston Road which runs through Fressingfield and have, over the years, had to tolerate the increased volume of traffic using the B1116 as a through route to many villages and towns north and south of Fressingfield.

The movement of HGV and heavy farm vehicles commences around 3.30 - 4.am each morning. This is joined at 5am - 6am by commuter traffic. This is then increased at 8am - 8.30am school run traffic ferrying children to Fressingfield Primary School from surrounding villages and Harleston .

There then occurs a fairly quiet, peaceful 3-4 hours but then all of the above happens in reverse.

The volume and size of the HGV's and heavy farm vehicles has all but destroyed most of the verges used by those of us who walk through the village. Many accidents have occurred - some not reported to the police and others have resulted in fatalities. Vehicles travelling over the speed limit has been a serious on-going complaint but a police presence is so seldom and short-lived there has been no improvement.

If these applications are granted, together with those that have recently been approved there will be over 250 new houses in Fressingfield bringing a possible 500 additional vehicles ie minimum two per household on to the roads of Fressingfield.

The village shop, situated on New Street, which has no pavements and is frequently congested, has space for just four cars to park.

The Medical Centre further along New Street has just 10-12 parking spaces and, at present, no room for expansion.

We have one public bus per week stopping in our village (on Saturdays) therefore there is no opportunity for resident to use a bus rather than a car to travel outside the village on a day to day basis.

Traffic movement from the three application sites added to the existing volume of traffic will be chaotic and, without doubt, cause more congestion and the opportunity for more accidents. And the additional traffic WILL move on a daily basis as there is nowhere for all the extra residents to work. Therefore more commuter traffic.

Road safety must surely be a serious consideration of MSDC and SCC Highways and who will police all this extra traffic?

Fressingfield is a rural village and its roads are generally narrow, without safe walkways and ill-equipped to take the current traffic volume let alone the additional traffic which will come with these totally unsustainable planning proposals.

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