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Dear Sirs,

I am a resident of Boyton Hall Estate. My name is Russell Fox and I live at 4 Chase Close.

Ann Suckling Road has already seen a dramatic change in the last 12 months or so, none of them positive!

When the new relief road was first proposed one of its main reasons for doing so was the realisation that with the growth of Haverhill and increased volumes of traffic Ann Suckling Road was not suitable for such a task and the relief road was supposed to take pressure off the use of internal roads and reduce pollution and noise levels for local residents.

These present proposals defeat some of the purposes of the relief road.

It is inevitable that motorists will use any opportunity to take shortcuts and save journey time if allowed. Opening up Ann Suckling Road to access all areas of the Persimmon estate as well as linking it to the top part of the proposed relief road opens up all kinds of ways for internal roads to be used in an opportunist way which is detrimental to residents, the environment as well as creating safety and security issues.

This is a retrograde step in planning for the future for the local community and the environment.

You are effectively turning Ann Suckling Road in to a 'Rat Run'!

Therefore as a resident of Boyton Hall I strongly object to the proposed Persimmon plan to open up Anne Suckling Road as an access road to the Persimmon estate on the following grounds:

The A143 entrance to Ann Suckling Road

The increase in traffic flow and volume along Anne Suckling Road

Increase in noise and car emissions pollution

Growing parking issues

Security issues related to open traffic flow across Haverhill

1. With the development of the Red Row estate as well as the Persimmon estate, with considerably more houses being built, the amount of traffic using the A143 in and out of Haverhill will inevitably increase considerably. The camber and curve of the road entering Ann Suckling Road is of concern and coupled with the traffic parking along the road, dangerous conditions are created. This situation is becoming increasingly concerning as a result of a growing number of cars and vans being parked along this road.

This trend will inevitably continue with an extra 38 dwellings from Havebury being completed with direct access on to this road as well as other private development happening on the borders of the road and eventual 18 allotment users also using the road for access.

Even without any further changes to Ann Suckling Road I would suggest a roundabout is already a necessity to allow a more fluid traffic flow and therefore less noise and car pollution, but I'm not sure you have allowed sufficient space. Well planned!

The possible proposal of adding traffic lights to the junction will only lead to pollution and noise from traffic from the main road in all directions (including vehicles stopping on a steeply banked hill) as well as creating a build-up of traffic on all roads.

The suggestion of calming measure along the Ann Suckling Road to mitigate against problems is also problematic. The examples around Haverhill such as on Chalkstone Way show such measures are not effective in stemming the flow of traffic prepared to use it and with the short distances from the junction to the other proposed roads this would not prove very efficient or helpful to address the other concerns stated here. Furthermore due to the calming measures and the additional traffic the road surface is likely to deteriorate and become dangerous to all road traffic, the Pot holes making it particularly dangerous to cyclists and Motorbikes (again as seen across along Chalkstone Way.

The volume of traffic potentially using Ann Suckling Road will continue to increase as more phases of the estate are developed. With a total of 1,100 houses all together being built it would appear that up to approximately half of this development, particularly Phase 6, Phase 5A, phase 5B, Phase 5C and parts of 4B, motorists would perceive the route along Ann Suckling Road as the preferred choice when wishing to access the A143.

2. The building of Persimmon houses so close to the junction of Anne Suckling Road has also exacerbated the use of opening up this junction beyond its present use for access to Anne Suckling Road and the Boyton Hall estate. These houses have only a very narrow frontage with front doors leading directly on to the entrance of the junction. There is already considerable traffic noise, pollution from car emissions beside here without the inevitable additional traffic created by opening up Ann Suckling Road further, unnecessarily adding to these difficulties.

3. There are considerable problems with residents having adequate parking from the newly built Persimmon homes, the cottages and Boyton Hall Estate. Again, as developments along this road continue these problems will increase creating hazardous conditions for people negotiating the junction.

4. Pollution and noise: it is inevitable that vehicles will use the loop road created to circumnavigate the large Persimmon estate, including dropping children off and picking up from school, accessing the Plaza when built and using the road as a shortcut to drive down to Haverhill Centre. Vehicles queuing along this road will result in increasing noise and pollution levels in the area; the opposite of achieving a good quality environment.

5. Security: opening the road up enabling unrestricted free flowing traffic will also make it more likely that such easy access through the Persimmon estate right through to the Boyton Hall Estate creates many questions concerning security of residents and property.

to Confirm for the above reasons I strongly object to these proposals and urge a new proposal

should be submitted removing the proposal of changing the nature of Ann Suckling Road and making it an access road only, except for the use of buses and emergency vehicles and a cycle way controlled by a bus gate.

Best Regards

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