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Planning Application DC/20/0614/RM

We would like to state our objections to the infrastructure road phasing plan which demonstrates that the remainder of the Persimmon development following stage two is designed to use Ann Sucklings Road as one of its access roads. We originally objected to this road being used as a bypass as it ends on the A143 at a T-junction, which is not in an ideal place and this was eventually realised and the relief road became the accepted safe way to proceed.

This plan now overturns this common sense and sets to use Ann Sucklings Road as the outlet to Haverhill for Phases 4 to 6 of the development at the very least. This will result in congestion at an already seriously congested part of the road, which is used for parking by between 12 and 15 vehicles, mainly from Boyton Close; as well as being alongside access to parking for the Persimmon houses in A.S. Road. After all Policy DM2 of the Joint development management policies document requires that new development should produce designs that accord with standards and maintain or enhance the safety of the highway network.

Also, it is inevitable that vehicles will use the loop road created to drive around the large Persimmon estate, including dropping children off and picking up from school when built, 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, safe environment.

To open up the road enabling unrestricted traffic to flow also makes it more likely that such easy access, through the Persimmon estate right through to the Boyton Hall Estate, will create many questions concerning the security of residents and property.

For all the above reasons we object most strongly to these proposals and would urge that the proposal to change the nature of Ann Suckling Road, making it an access road should be refused. Maybe changing the access to be similar to that of Howe Road with access barred except for the use of buses and emergency vehicles and a cycle way, all controlled by a bus gate.

Regards

Mr & Mrs A Turner