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**Subject:** FW: DC/20/0479/FUL - The Fox PH, Haverhill Road, Little Wratting

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Dear Kerri

In response to your email regarding Highways amended comments, the Town Council have reconsidered this application. Members have noted comments made by SCC Highways referencing Drawing 2234 12 Rev C and I have copied in SCC Highways to this email reply.

The Town Council fully supports the redevelopment of this site and the benefits it will bring to the town generally, the new developments adjacent and the economic vibrancy of the area in terms of employment.

The Town Council however maintain that the primary concern is over the safety of vehicles entering and emerging from the Public House onto the public highway and that the safest option would be best achieved through an additional new arm on the roundabout immediately outside where there is plenty of space for a low usage entry point compared to the other arms.

The Town Council would like to bring attention to SCC Highways that the road realignment of the A143 has already been approved and the new roundabout, which will accomplish the realignment, is already in situ with it due to be made operational by end March 2021; therefore the site of the spur is known.

The Town Council strongly recommend that Highways insist the entrance is made a spur off the new roundabout. There is the potential for traffic heading north to exit the roundabout and meet a vehicle stopped in the highway waiting to turn right, having just ensured that their exit from the roundabout is clear. Equally a vehicle exiting the PH would be allowed to turn right out of the premises where there is a roundabout some 70m away.

The Town Council fail to see how an entrance less than 70m from a roundabout spur exit can be safe for other road users, will introduce a more dangerous situation, and indeed, SCC Highways confirm they do not know where the entrance will be, so how can it proceed to a planning decision?

It is important to remember (pre-Covid) there are some 10,000+ vehicles passing this point each day with around 700 per hour vehicles at noon, and around 900 per hour, at 5pm when the Public House is likely to be busiest. This is before a further 3,650 houses are built immediately adjacent.

The Town Council fully supports the comments made by the adjacent ward member, Councillor John Burns, and therefore, the Town Council's OBJECTION still stands.

Regards

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