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2nd October 2024

Planning Application number 3/2023/0739 - objection

Elker Meadows Billington

Dear Sir/Madam

The reason I would like to object is on the grounds of a lack of a thorough traffic survey. In the current application there is no traffic survey or statement. In the previous application 3/2021/0373 for reserved matters (approved) there was also an absence of a traffic survey or statement. In the original application for outline permission 3/2016/0927 there was a traffic statement from a desktop study but no traffic survey. It was my understanding that for an application of this size (110 units) a full traffic survey, including traffic counts and predicted traffic increase, should be produced and submitted.

Since 2016 there has been a significant increase in the number of vehicles using Elker Lane. This is due to the secondary school expanding by almost 20% (200+) pupils, the increase in the number of houses at Brockhall Village and the opening of Elker Meadows. The original outline application in 2016 predates the opening of Elker Meadows, which can be shown in the pictures in the traffic statement of application 3/2016/0927.

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[REDACTED] the risks that the pupils have to make to access their education safely. There have been two accidents I know of in the last 10 years, one just last year across from the application site. The construction traffic alone is extremely worrying which will last for a significant amount of time, and this poses a significant risk to the safety of the children. There will also be the traffic from the residents who live there in the future. There is not enough parking provision for parents and buses (in excess of 15 each morning and afternoon) at the school already, which also needs addressing by Lancashire County Council.

[REDACTED] Elker Meadows was granted permission. On the night in question a full traffic survey was asked for, specifically to look at the mini-roundabout on Whalley Road, however due to time constraints with the funding on offer from the NHS for the nursery (which, incidentally, has not been built) the original application was granted without a full traffic survey.

In conclusion I strongly urge the above application to be refused until a full traffic survey, carried out when the school is open (not during the holidays) is submitted.

Kind Regards

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