

## **Planning applications committee, 14 January 2021**

### **Item 4(b) –Application no 20/008002/F – North Side of Hellesdon Hall Road, Norwich**

#### **Statement from a resident (to be read out at committee by an officer)P**

I had spoken with many neighbours previously and am comfortable in saying that there are many us on Braeford Close and Clovelly Drive with the same concerns. I haven't been able speak to everyone again since we submitted initial concerns due to the new lockdown, but see no reason concerns would have changed, as the planning application hasn't.

Our main worries are:

- 1) Drainage. Whilst I understand the issues raised with this have been answered in the application it's not clear whether anyone was aware of the severe existing drainage issue on Hellesdon Hall Road. The drain by Turnpike Close overflows and causes a large and treacherous flood frequently; with the natural ground being tarmacked over there is concern that the dangerous issue will worsen.
- 2) Light pollution. There is a potential for 50% light throughout the night for a site directly next to a residential street. Even if it does not operate 24 hours, setting daytime working hours as 5am is far earlier than what is considered daytime hours in normal circumstances.
- 3) Traffic. This is the biggest concern of our neighbourhood. I note that Hellesdon Parish Council requested that vans are only allowed to turn left out of Turnpike Close and on to the Ring Road. This is very much echoed by all of us and is absolutely necessary. Turning right instead means the vans go onto the Low Road and either over a bridge with a 3 tonne weight limit which only allows traffic in one direction at a time, or along a very narrow road which is already over burdened with vehicles which are too large for it. Turning Left out of Turnpike Close only will prevent a severe level of intrusion from the development, however something must be done about the junction onto the Ring Road if this is the case. At the Ring Road Junction there is no filter light for those turning right which means cars must sit in the middle of the junction and hope to get across. Adding untold numbers of vans will make this even more dangerous and clog the junction constantly.

The planning application's traffic flow numbers are also clearly a drastic under-estimation of actual flow through the junction. You will already have read comments from another resident on this, submitted 20/08/2020, and their figures are far more accurate. It is our assumption that the application's numbers were taken during a lockdown in order to be so low.

Overall, the residents in the area are very unhappy about this proposed development. The traffic caused is either going to go over a bridge and small road that simply can't manage it, or through a junction that will become even more dangerous. There are lots of young children and a care home directly affected and no one wants a dangerous level of traffic destroying a peaceful area.

As the people directly affected by it, we ask in the strongest possible terms that you reject this proposal.