

Interested Party Reference number: [REDACTED] **Louise Adamson**

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SAFETY

1. The village has a thriving primary school on the road of the proposed transport route - parents park at the nearby playing field car park and walk their children across the road to the school at lunchtimes as well as at the beginning and end of the school day - crossing a road with such enormous vehicles thundering through could put parents and children at considerable risk.
2. Many elderly and vulnerable people walk around the village (with their dogs) for exercise and social contact - they too could be at risk crossing the road with such an increase in heavy traffic.
3. The road is a popular cycle route for commuters and sport cyclists, making them vulnerable.
4. The corner of the road by the War Memorial is very narrow, with a sharp bend and prone to heavy regularly flooding. Even if land is taken away from the War Memorial to widen the road, the road still be incredibly narrow and incredibly dangerous with the sharp bend, badly restricting visibility.

DISRUPTION

1. Construction work to widen the road will cause considerable inconvenience with the inevitable traffic lights and lengthy road closures.
2. There are no shops in the village and a reduced bus service - many elderly/vulnerable people have to drive to the shops, doctors hospitals and dentists - a vast increase in heavy goods vehicle equipment could deter them from driving out of the village, leaving them vulnerable and isolated, affecting their physical and mental health.
3. The noise and pollution would be considerable and relentless, affecting all generations.

CONGESTION

1. The village already suffers as a rat run for traffic from the A140 - some mornings it feels like you are trying to turn onto the M1, not Norwich Road. Traffic is set to increase even more with the new housing development at Long Stratton.
2. This is a rural area with considerable farm traffic, large tractors, trailers, trucks etc. Adding yet more large wide vehicles is just too much. Any increase in heavy traffic could disrupt or destroy vital food production.

CONSERVATION

1. Taking away the land around the War Memorial is really disrespectful to the memory of the soldiers who died and their families. There are many relatives of the soldiers who live in the village and use the green for quiet reflection - the village suffered considerable losses during the First World War. Any change/damage to the War Memorial would be an act of gross vandalism.
2. Demolishing part of the boundary wall of the Old Rectory would be a further act of vandalism. The wall can be seen as a monument to one of Britain's most eminent architects, Sir John Soane. It is part of our history and heritage.

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