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Dear Councillors, 13/4/2021
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I wish to respond to your invitation to comment on new housing Foxdene Way ref: 21/00922/OUT

My main Objection to this plan is **ACCESS**. I can see two or three possible schemes for access, all unsatisfactory.

Direct access onto the Southam Road A423. The problem here is that there are already 3 junctions within about one half a mile, namely Little Bourton Turn, Hanwell Turn and the Great Bourton Turn. The A421/Great Bourton turn has been widened to allow a turn right lane coming from Banbury. but there have been **fatal accidents at all three junctions** plus several other accidents resulting in serious injuries.

The Hanwell turn: This is on a **blind corner** and there have been several accidents. **One fatality** that know of.

The Little Bourton junction: Also on a bend and the site of several accidents; with at least **two fatalities**.

In my opinion, therefore creating, a further junction on this stretch of road is absolutely non-viable. (?? Speed Limits?)

The main alternative is to access via **Foxden Way**, and then via two right angled junctions to **Spring Lane** and into **Little Bourton**. The roads are narrow and cars have to stop to allow bigger cars or vans to get by. This is quite difficult!

These roads are well named as "**Way**", and "**Lane!**" Even two cars have difficulty in passing. There are no kerbs and only a small verge between "road" and ditch. Pedestrians have to scramble onto a very narrow muddy bank to avoid cars.

There are very large **farm vehicles** serving the adjacent farms. They carry cattle, sheep and horses up & down this "road". The tractors and harvesters already create great difficulties. Farmers are very considerate and stop where possible but pedestrians have serious problems. When I use my mobility scooter, cars usually stop until I can pull onto a path or drive.

Someone on Facebook complained pedestrians were making the road impossible to use, so they should walk elsewhere!

One other possibility is via **School lane**. Three tight corners lead to cross-roads at **Main St.** (A423 to Cropredy).

This road is very busy and once again, the junction is blind, narrow and very dangerous. A mirror has been fastened onto one wall but it is not very helpful. I use this road regularly by car, coming from Manor Rd., Visibility is very limited. I get my wife to check the road is clear! Parked cars obscure visibility and the Village Pub is also on this corner.

The Village has a bus-service twice a week only! Once on Thursday and once on Saturday morning (& returns)

There is an even bigger problem! The large fields bordering Foxdene Way slope quite steeply down onto Foxdene way!

The land continues sloping down towards the canal and the river. Huge ditches have been dug to cope with the water.

Look at the road surface and you will see holes every so often; where the water has run from the fields and surfaced as a fountain in the body of the road. In wet weather there are streams of water running down and across the road so the water can then run down the slope down to the canal. Ditches have been dug where possible but nature will have its way! Very serious work would be required to cure this problem; However, Nature will have its way and the water will still need to cross the road for about half a mile at least. The pressure breaks thru' the tarmac within weeks of it being resurfaced.

At present there are four "eruptions" in the road surface despite it being mended earlier this year!

The road opposite the possible site for a junction to the building plot is relatively wide compared with the road further up towards Spring Lane. **This is the piece of road a surveyor would need to study.** (up the road towards Spring lane.)

At Spring Lane, there are right-angle bends causing great difficulties in passing another vehicle especially farm vehicles.

Cars are parked on the footpaths here, and I already have to use the road when on my mobile scooter.

There is a Cemetery on Foxdene Way. Sympathetic consideration is required when regarding visitors' cars.

I will leave others to discuss matters such as Speed limits and quoters to be met.

I have lived in the village for 49 years.

I have never objected to housing developments before, but this one would seem not to be viable.

Yours faithfully,
Anthony Wiltshire