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Subject: Ref: Master Plan 18/00825/HYBRID SPC a/o Andrew Lewis

Dear Mr Lewis

I am the authorised user who lives at Somerton Mill and drive across at least twice every day. I also have deliveries by vehicle down to the Mill. This is the only access to my house so I would not want any solution to the perceived increase in risk to make it more difficult to get home. I would also like you to consider my individual safety living down here eg emergency vehicle access should I become ill. Any change to access that would take it longer for emergency vehicles to get to me would be unacceptable. Please also bear in mind that increasing the difficulty of access will also detrimentally affect the value and saleability of my property.

It is not clear, but I am assuming that the proposal is to only close the pedestrian access and not the vehicular access. Please can you confirm this.

Even if this is the case, pedestrian access will be required for authorised vehicular users as we will need to go back and forth across the crossing to ensure the main gates are padlocked. Though, having to unlock and then lock 4 padlocks would be a pain so some alternative suggestions to opening and closing manually using padlocks would be good.

If the proposal is to provide a pedestrian bridge (as in Tackley) at the current crossing, this may be acceptable. However if the pedestrian crossing via a bridge is to be moved away from the vehicular crossing (eg further down the field on the RHS as you come down the track, which already has a public footpath, so this may just need re-directing to the new bridge), those requiring vehicular access would require the pedestrian gates to remain (presumably lockable) for locking the main gates as described above.

Are the options detailed in 2018 to be re-considered?

Since I am directly affected by this proposal, I would appreciate a personal reply to this email, responding to the points I am raising.

Many thanks
Best wishes
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