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Dear Mr. Lewis,

Planning Application 18/00825/Hybrid. Re road diversion.

I am opposing the proposed diversion of traffic from the B4030 to the A4095 through the village of Chesterton for the following reasons.

1. I live alongside the A4095 in Chesterton opposite the Chesterton Hotel. For some years now we have been seriously affected by the noise and vibration from passing HGVs and construction lorries. The road has speed humps and surface defects that exacerbate this problem such that we regularly experience noises like a prolonged rumble of thunder.
2. The A4095 entering Chesterton has a blind 90 degree turn and large vehicles entering the village frequently do not negotiate this turn without extending onto the opposite carriage way and into the face of oncoming vehicles. This is dangerous. Furthermore, the narrowest width of the carriageway in Chesterton is actually slightly less than that on the B4030 in Middleton Stoney.
3. Chesterton has 32 properties alongside the A4095 that would be affected by the increase in traffic (in contrast to 14 for Middleton Stoney on the B4030). The resulting increase in noise and air pollution for residents in this section of the village is totally unacceptable. Seven of these properties directly front the pavement and road. In addition, some have no off-road parking, causing parked vehicles to restrict the traffic flow.
4. The additional distance for vehicles taking this diversion would be almost 1.5 miles. This will increase fuel consumption for vehicles and increase air pollution when we are trying to reduce fossil fuel consumption and life-threatening health problems.
5. Finally, the Great Wolf Water park proposal that was unanimously opposed in March 2020, was refused partly because of the unsuitability of local roads including the A4095. If an increase in traffic including HGVs on the A4095 is allowed, it will be more difficult to fight off an appeal.

We in Chesterton are fighting hard to preserve the village atmosphere. We would be devastated to have it further eroded and sincerely hope that this proposal is rejected.

Sincerely
Hazel C Jones