

Elmswell Footpath and Cyclepath

The existing footpath and cycle path along School Road is maintained by Suffolk Highways under the control of Suffolk County Council and permission to put in an entrance to the proposed development must have approval from Suffolk Highways. The entrance will be sited near to an ancient Oak tree which is on a preservation order and again permission will be needed by Suffolk Highways, MSDC and SCC, in case damage is caused to the trees root system.

The siting of the proposed entrance will be near to this Oak tree and will be positioned on a bad bend along School Road, already researched and identified by the Suffolk Constabulary speeding analysis taken earlier this year. The canopy of the tree will obscure the entrance and exit onto School Road, making it more dangerous to existing road users, especially to those who use the footpath and cycle path. This in my opinion as a resident of Elmswell, living along School Road will further increase the likelihood of road traffic accidents on a road which already has problems with speeding from the entrance from Church Road and from Parnell Lane.

It has also been identified that large HGV lorries have an existing problem, when using School Road as it is not wide enough for two lorries to pass each other without mounting the curb onto the existing footpath and cycle path, even when it is being used by pedestrians and cyclists.

Could you please take these considerations into account when making a decision about the proposed development. The village has already had to suffer from an increase in the volume and frequency of traffic onto the housing estate next to Parnel Lane for 2 years or more. If the development goes ahead then School Road will further be disrupted by the development for the next few years.

Every day as we [the residents of School Road] try to exit and try to gain entrance into our properties, with large HGV Lorries and speeding vehicles, this causes danger to us and frustration and any increase of traffic will be detrimental to us living along School Road in Elmswell.

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