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Application Number: 180760

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Winersh Community Centre

New Road

Sindlesham

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Comment Type: Object

Comment: I make the following comments on behalf of Winnersh Parish Council, after consultation with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Parish Council's Planning Committee.

Summary of objections

A. The two new roundabouts will be new barriers to non-motorised traffic and have a detrimental impact on pedestrians and cyclists. These roundabouts will also create a potential conflict between with pedestrians/cyclists and motorised vehicles that currently does not exist, and therefore increasing personal injury accidents. On that basis the Parish Council OBJECT to the application.

B. The two roundabouts and limiting of the turning movements for Woodward Close to left in and left out only are a significant dis-benefit to residents and visitors accessing housing, Wheatfield School and other premises. On that basis the Parish Council OBJECT to the application.

C. The tree screen located on the ;northern ; embankment adjacent to the M4, according to the plans should be retained is currently (mid-September 2018) being felled by Highways England. The M4 through Winnersh is a designated Air Quality Management Area and these trees act as a barrier and assist in absorbing air pollutants such as NO2. The removal of these trees will now potentially expose a larger area into the pollution zone. A screen of trees must be replaced as part of the M4 SMART motorway and / or WRR2 works. Taking this into account and the current situation the Parish Council OBJECT to this application.

D. The construction of two roundabouts with significant forecast additional traffic being ;forced ; into a declared AQMA around the M4 bridge impacting on local homes with added traffic and pollution of NOx and PM10 and 2.5 ;s, especially impacting pedestrians and cyclists between the two roundabouts. This is against the principles of the Air Quality Action Plan and National Air Quality Policy. On that basis the Parish Council OBJECT to the application.

Additional comments;

E. The amendments at Green lane are welcomed but there is a need for KEEP CLEAR markings at this junction that would allow the infrequent right turning traffic to 7; out of/into Green Lane.

F. A KEEP CLEAR marking is needed on King Street Lane at its junction with Grasmere Close and outside the access to properties 45, 45a, 47 and 47a to allow vehicles to enter and exit this service road. A similar arrangement has been successful in King Street Lane and Robin Hood Lane.

G. To mitigate against items A and B, the roundabouts should not be constructed but replaced with a traffic signal junction incorporating Woodward Close within the phasing where all three sets of signals are linked. The signals would also allow for much safer crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists, an provide improved access for Woodward Close.

H. A raised-table crossing is required for Laburnham Road and Sandstone Close set back from the main carriageway by 5m (as suggested in LTN 02/08 see 10.2.2 and 10.3.7). This would make the junction safer by reducing the speed of people driving and cycling at these junctions. This design is has been successful on the cycle/footway on Lower Earley Way and now incorporated into the design at Woodward Close.

