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To: Planning Mailbox
Subject: fao Joe Fleetwood - application 22/0711/HH

Dear Mr Fleetwood

Thank you for your letter of 27 July 2022 regarding application 22/0711/HH for two storey side extension, front canopy, two storey and single storey rear extensions with internal alterations and alteration to vehicular access at Acacia Stanton Road Elmesthorpe.

Elmesthorpe Parish Council does not wish to comment on the proposed extensions and alterations to the house.

However, in the light of the fatal road accident in January 2019 on the bend on which this property is situated, the Parish Council wishes to object in the strongest terms to proposed alterations to the vehicular access on highways safety grounds.

The Parish Council is happy to provide photographs to demonstrate its concerns about the proximity of the blind bend to the drive way of this property. The Parish Council can also provide a photograph of a vehicle which came off the road and ended up in the hedge immediately adjacent to this property.

Unfortunately, despite extensive warnings in both directions (road signs & warnings painted on the road surface), this stretch of road is an accident blackspot due to the speed at which vehicles travel on it. The speed limit is 60mph.

The applicant is proposing to install an automatic gate openable by externally activated sensor at 5.095m from the highway. If the gate does not open, or if access to the property is sought for two vehicles at the same time, there is the risk that the tail end of vehicles will be on the highway or the risk of vehicles queued on the highway. There is also the issue of how the gate will operate in terms of light commercial vehicles bringing home deliveries.

There is a white line in the road outside the property as an advisory to vehicles not to overtake at this point due to the proximity of the blind bend. However, should there be any issue with the operation of the gate, vehicles travelling from Elmesthorpe towards Stoney Stanton will have no option but to overtake in the face of oncoming traffic coming round the blind bend from Stoney Stanton towards Elmesthorpe.

In the light of the seriousness of the highways safety issues, the Parish Council would ask that the Applicant's proposals for accommodating vehicles on site during the construction phase are discussed, and that any planning permission includes specific provisions to ensure that all vehicles, including those delivering building materials, are wholly contained within the site at all times, and not parked even temporarily on the public highway or pavement.

Please do not hesitate to let us know if you would like any further information.

Yours sincerely
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