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Application number 2014/2418

Dear Sir/Madam.

We wish to object to the above application on the grounds of road safety. Having lived and farmed at the end of The New Buckenham Straight on the B1113 for 43 years, we know what a fast and dangerous road it can be. To even consider making an access to the proposed development on this bend at the end of a mile long straight road beggars belief. Members of our family have been involved in road accidents and countless near missed at the top of our drive which is only about 250 mts from this proposed access. High speed has always been the cause.

Having looked at the proposed application, we cannot see how there can possibly be enough sight distance to the west for road safety, this is the fast straight part of the road towards New Buckenham. If the hedge is removed and a bus lay-by installed, the only possible way to see traffic coming from the west is to look across third party land. While it may work on paper, the reality is quite different. The adjacent land is an arable field, at certain times of the year the height of crops would obscure the sight line. Oilseed Rape and Beans can grow up to 2 mts tall in the summer months.

The proposed bus lay-by being right on the bend is hardly ideal, on the contrary it is a road safety hazard. A bus would have to pull out onto a fast busy road right on a bend when travelling towards Norwich. With regard to the school children, in the mornings where would the bus pick them up? There is no proposed lay-by on the other side of the road, and buses only pick up on the near side.

We fear there will be a fatal road accident at the proposed access if this application is approved, and if we do not speak out now we might one day regret not doing so!

Yours Sincerely,

Barry P. Garner.

Alison L. Garner.