Neighbour comments – 12th November 2017

S/3566/17/FL - Land East of Fowlmere Road, Foxton

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Comments

We are very concerned about the impact on safety for pedestrians if the proposed development goes ahead. The roads through Foxton are simply too narrow and winding to take lots of large farm vehicles (particularly when cars are parked on the kerbside) without having to mount pavements at times. The pavement along Fowlmere Road on both sides of the road narrows and ends in certain places, forcing pedestrians (particularly those who are disabled and walking with buggies) to cross to walk into the village at several points, so it is already hazardous to cross in places without having to dodge tractors or frustrated traffic. As visibility is restricted along winds in the road and corners this requires care at the best of times, but if traffic is increased, vehicles are larger and other vehicles are frustrated behind tractors, the risk of an accident is higher. Safety concerns extend to road safety for vehicles, particularly around the tight corners of Foxton near the church. Agricultural traffic has already been observed driving well across into the lane of oncoming traffic, which is a safety issue that is yet to be resolved. This is particularly dangerous because other traffic unfortunately often goes faster than the speed limit in the village, so there would seem to be an accident waiting to happen, surely only made worse by any increase in farm vehicles.

Additional concerns include increases in noise pollution and air pollution.