

My name is Karen Abolkheir I live in Stanton Wick and I'm a member of the Group.

The proposed site is on Wick Lane, a C classified substantially single track road running from the A368 through Stanton Wick straight into Pensford's Conservation Area.

We object to the proposed development of this site as the location and access cannot support any increase in traffic movement for the following reasons:

- The Lane is rural, narrow with few passing places; has no footpath; is unlit, is steep and in wet periods - muddy.
- There are three 90 degree bends with extremely limited visibility causing numerous car accidents.
- The T-junction onto the A368 has very limited visibility and is very dangerous. It has been the subject of many near misses and accidents.
- Access to the A37 at Pensford is difficult at peak times and visibility to the left limited.
- There are 2 old and narrow Bridges on route. A medieval listed bridge in Pensford, and the old Railway Bridge which is cracking and has a propensity to flood. A lorry became stuck on this Bridge & blocked the road for 10 hours.
- Congestion in the Conservation area of Pensford is already high at peak periods.
- The road is not salted and becomes particularly hazardous in winter.
- A Coach depot adjacent to the site already places a heavy traffic burden through to the A368. This has been previously recognised by your Planning Department.
- The Coach depot has had 2 planning applications turned down in the last 2 years and one is still pending.

One of the reasons for refusal was given as "due to an increase in vehicle movements on the road system which is unsuitable to accept additional traffic by reason of its inadequate width, alignment & junction.

In January the owner of the proposed site formally objected to the recent application to extend this Depot quoting increased traffic movements as one of his reasons.

- The lane is regularly used for horse riding, cycling and ramblers and any addition to the traffic must be considered to increase the likelihood of serious accident.

Your own documentation states that the site is heavily constrained by its access and that 'reducing reliance on car travel is an important objective of local and national planning'.

This site is not in a sustainable area for development as all residents in Stanton Wick rely on their cars to access shops and healthcare. Any significant increase in the existing traffic on Wick Lane cannot be accommodated.

In summary our concerns are:

1. The inadequate local road networks and lack of any capacity for safe access onto the A368 & A37
2. The safety of all road users especially vulnerable ones
3. Inconvenience for all road users
4. Noise and pollution increase for residents of Stanton Wick and parts of historic Pensford

And we urge the Cabinet to withdraw this site from the short list immediately.

Thank you