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We are writing to object to the amended planning application A/15/81140/VARMAJ. This application refers to a proposal by Wain Homes to deviate from their original outline planning application. They wish to build 230 houses before completing the link road from Stone Cross to Church Lane using only Church Lane to access the site.

Our objections are as follows:

- 1) When Wain Homes first applied for outline planning permission on the Stone Cross site over 2000 objections were returned to Wigan Council by the residents of Lowton. Everyone who lives here knows that Church Lane cannot accommodate the added traffic from these houses.
- 2) According to Transport for Greater Manchester Church Lane carries 9800 vehicle movements each day. However the junction with the A.580 carries 41500 movements daily. This junction is running at 150% capacity between 7 and 9 am causing long tailbacks on Church Lane. See attached photo, also copy of letter written by the Lolly Pop lady at St Luke's school expressing her safety concerns.
- 3) To request building 230 homes in what would become a large cul-de-sac is not acceptable. If they cannot progress as they intended then the original outline planning approval should be withdrawn.
- 4) The link road may never be completed leaving a very unsatisfactory situation for the residents.
- 5) Without the link road there will be no possibility of public transport serving the estate. Wain Home made great play of this stating it would reduce the need for residents to use their cars; they even offered each house free bicycles.
- 6) For Wain Homes to claim financial distress is unrealistic. They should never have submitted the initial application if that was the case
- 7) In the original outline application adjustments were to be made at the junction of Stone Cross Lane North and the A580. It is essential both the link road and these adjustments are made before any houses are built.

We urge you to reject this planning application. Church Lane cannot cope with the construction traffic, nor the traffic that will be generated once the homes are sold.

Ed Thwaite
Chairman



17/3/2010.

To Whome it may concern.

I am the School Crossing patrol at St. Lukes on Church Lane Lenton.

Each morning the traffic can build up to such an amount that they is cars and very large lorries are queing as far back as Ashwood Avenue from the traffic lights at Lane Head. It is very rare that the road is empty.

The volume of traffic in the morning around 8am up until 9am is horrendous and I do find that many cyclists are riding on the footpath to avoid queing and this is very dangerous for the parents and pupils at my school when they gather at the school gates before registration.

In my opinion as a Hollepop Lady and resident of Lenton the amalgamation of the 2 high schools would be a disaster for pupils trying to get there from Galbarne in time for classes.

Still same today.
17/3/2010

yours faithfully
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