

## Walton North Development Response

Trimley St Mary Parish Councils view on the proposed development at Walton High Street. Please see planning numbers below.

Many Trimley St Mary residents will recognise how busy the High Road through our village has become following years of increasing development on the peninsula. The proposed development at Walton North necessitates the creation of a main route through the development linking the High Road (near the High School) to Candlet Road. At each end of the link road there will be new roundabout junctions.

Within the current plans, we must wait until the 150th house is built before the completion of the Candlet Road and High Street roundabout junctions (and associated link road), meaning all construction traffic must traverse the High Road to reach the building site.

Trimley St Mary Parish Council would like to see the Candlet Road roundabout junction (in particular) designed and constructed prior to commencement of house building activity and this junction should be stipulated as the single point of entry and exit for all construction traffic.

The planning application states 'highway safety' as a reason to wait until the 150th house is built before the completion of the Candlet Road and High Street roundabout junctions. Waiting until this late in the development would significantly reduce highway safety along the High Road where heavy construction traffic will add significantly to an already overburdened road.

To adopt the High Road through Trimley as a route for heavy construction traffic is to ignore known bottlenecks and traffic blackspots in the locality. The High road narrows to a single lane near the McColls shop and isn't a suitable route for large construction vehicles.

Opposite the construction site entrance on the High Road is a school. Many children cycle from both directions along the High Road to reach the school. It would be reckless to sanction heavy construction vehicles accessing a construction site opposite a busy school entrance. Adopting the Candlet road entrance at the beginning of the development is a much safer option for school children.

There is already great concern around the safety for cyclists along this high road, in particular the limited provision for cyclists on an already busy High Road. By not establishing the Candlet Road roundabout junction as the main access point for construction traffic at the commencement of construction activity cyclists will be at significantly increased risk. A study by Transport for London (TfL) found that around 50% of all cyclist deaths involve lorries, which comprise only about 5% of traffic, with a high proportion happening when left-turning trucks crush cyclists\*. The evidence could not be clearer that construction traffic must not access the construction site turning left via the High Road.

This stage of the planning process presents the perfect opportunity to produce a Construction Logistic Plan to prevent this obvious risk. Within the plan, it would be sensible to mandate that the Candlet Road junction is constructed prior to the commencement of construction activity on site and that all construction traffic adopts the Candlet Road junction as its means of entering and exiting the construction site.

We hope East Suffolk Council takes this opportunity.

\* Pedal Cyclist Fatalities in London: Analysis of Police Collision Files (2007-2011), TfL, Loughborough University / UCL

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