

Further to our conversation today, I can confirm that the Highway Authority has been provided with additional information to try and overcome the objection on highway grounds.

The Highway Authority is satisfied that the slip road from the A423 Southam Road to Stockton Road will operate with significant reserve capacity and with minimal queuing or delay. Therefore the Highway Authority has no objection to this element.

In regards to access to public transport services, the applicants consultants have demonstrated that the majority of the development is within 400m of the existing bus stops. Therefore the Highway Authority has no objection to this element.

However as discussed the Highway Authority will be maintaining its objection to the additional delay which will be created at the A423 Southam Road / Stockton Road Junction. The concerns regarding highway safety remain with a focus on the increased delay to vehicles exiting Stockton Road leading to motorists taking greater risks endangering road safety.

The applicants have proposed the sum of £20,000 for speed reduction measures, however it is unclear how these could be implemented at this time, and whether they would have the desired effect on reducing vehicle speeds. Therefore the Highway Authority would require to see a drawn up plan and supporting Road Safety Audit. More fundamentally though the proposals would not address the additional delay which in turn would lead to motorists taking greater risks when exiting the junction as identified in the Highway Authority's formal response.

Therefore in conclusion the Highway Authority's objection remains.

Many thanks

Ben