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Further Comments relating to Planning Application 24/01371/FP
Highways Technical Notes and Drawings as amended 22/10/24 and 18/11/24

I would like to make the following comments and objections with regard to the above.

- Firstly, there is a sad, and very obvious, lack of consultation with those that know the area!
- The drawings are incomplete as they do not show the driveways of the houses which are in close proximity to the suggested road changes. No regard has been given to these residents' ability to join the road given the queuing that would arise.
- Given the current speed of traffic and disregard of speed restrictions, there is a high risk of drivers accelerating past the narrowing to avoid having to stop – this is already in evidence just with parked cars for the school - in an area where there are child pedestrians!
- Has anyone actually surveyed the scene during peak times? In particular when parents are dropping off or picking up children at school!
- The Safety Audit is irrelevant! It was carried out during August in the national school holidays and with the general population on summer holiday and certainly does not reflect peak time travel!
- Has any thought been given to where the school parents would park should this suggested change happen?
- Displacing these vehicles will simply move them on to the village green which will create a greater danger for children accessing the school with four junctions and a busy road with speeding traffic to negotiate!
- Do we have to have a serious accident to prove this? Surely prevention is better than cure?
- Has any attention been paid to the size of the farm vehicles that currently use The Causeway? It does not seem so.
- Any narrowing of the road would surely involve illuminated signs. Therfield is a dark sky village. NO street lights or illuminated signs are present anywhere in the village in order to preserve this!
- Experience dictates that vehicles heading north who have to stop by the green or school because of congestion then accelerate at great speed, and beyond the legal limit, to exit the village. This is already a great danger for pedestrians, including children, who walk down The Causeway past the terraces where there is no footpath.
- Sadly, once again, it would appear that the intention is to suburbanise, giving little regard to our rural community.

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