

**Laneside
5 Green Lane
Ashwell
Herts
SG7 5LW**

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Re 24/0221/FP Land to the rear of 7 Green Lane, Ashwell Herts SG7 5LW

We object most strongly to this planning application. There have been several attempts over the years which have all been rejected, most recently on the grounds that the access along Green Lane is too narrow, and that the junction with Station Road is extremely hazardous, with traffic travelling fast from the station direction, and a curve in the road, which makes visibility difficult. This situation has not changed, and if anything is somewhat worse since there are now more new houses and even more being built along Station Road.

This application has the potential of adding 14 more vehicles travelling along Green Lane twice a day maybe more often. This is in addition to the current ten or more vehicles plus delivery vans and farm vehicles servicing the field behind Green Lane. Add to that the courier vans often travelling unreasonably fast and you have an accident waiting to happen.

Then you have the construction period. We live right next to the lane, which is gravel, at the narrowest point (one car width). Our house is 170 years old and is a single brick construction. What will these heavy lorries of possibly 35 tons do to our foundations? We own our side of the lane along our frontage, as has been established in February 2020 with HCC, as do all the residents and we don't agree to the enlargement of access therefore we consider that granting planning is not deliverable.

Yours faithfully

Peter John and Jenny Gates