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To: Control, Development (Planning)
Subject: Planning application 25/00743/AGDET

F.A.O. [redacted]

Dear [redacted],
I am writing with my concerns over the planning application above, and in particular the proposed entrance/exit to the east on Vinegar Hill, as it astounds me that this is even being considered as a viable safe option at this location for the vehicle types to use?
The applicants business necessitates the use of articulated trailers which for the goods in carriage will require a gross combination weight of 44 tonnes fully laden. The tractor unit and tri-axle trailers have a combined length of 16.5m.
These units will be turning right out of the proposed exit, up hill towards a blind right hand bend, and will take at best 15 seconds to complete the manoeuvre and clear the southbound carriageway safely.
That section of road I believe has a 60 mph limit, and when travelling over the flyover- south down Vinegar Hill, the point at which the proposed entrance becomes visible is circa 70m, yet the **average** stopping distance for a car at 60mph is 73m and 4.5 seconds. So by my calculations a driver travelling at 60mph south towards the proposed entrance needs **at least** I would suggest another 5m to avoid colliding with the tractor unit, and yet the articulated vehicle will still require another 11.5 seconds to be safely clear of the southbound carriage way.
The same applies should the artic turn left as the oncoming driver still requires a longer stopping distance before impact, however the 15 seconds clearance time is extended as the unit will now be in the same carriage way as the oncoming vehicle.
The problem then worsens if the artic is travelling south towards the proposed site and waiting to turn left, for example if the entrance was not clear, as that visible distance to the obstruction is reduced by a minimum of the 16.5m length of the stationary vehicle combination.

[redacted], normally at a maximum of 50mph as I am aware of the entrance and I can tell you categorically that even at 50mph at the point I see the entrance, there is no way an articulated unit could pull out without the need for me to take immediate evasive action, so what chance would a driver have at 60mph whom is unaware to the entrance, or the subsequent vehicles following behind?

For the above reasons, in the interest of safety and common sense I would strongly object to this application.

Kind Regards

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