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Cc: Hannah Hodges <Hannah.Hodges@huntingdonshire.gov.uk>; Abbotsley Parish Council Katie Bates <clerk@abbotsleyparishcouncil.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Planning Application 25/00336/FUL Harbins Lane

Dear Development Control and Hannah Hodges,

Abbotsley Parish Council requested that we forward you a copy of our comments with regard to the above planning application in Harbins Lane, Abbotsley. Please see these comments at the end of this email.

Our concerns centre on the increase in traffic which will result from this development.

1. Harbins Lane is a narrow 'country' lane at its southern point between the junction with the High Street and the north land boundary of 2 Harbins Lane. It is a single lane access at this point which is one vehicle width between the properties of 2 Harbins Lane and 69 High Street.

2. Beneath the lane's road surface at this point, at a shallow depth, runs the main sewage pipe from the Anglian Water pumping station at the bottom of Harbins Lane (which pumps village sewage to the Gransden treatment works) and the water pipe for Harbins Lane. The sewage pipe has fractured on two occasions due to traffic vibration causing very significant disruption to services and access to properties. The sewage pipe fractured at two points on the 15th January 2025 and the repairs covered a period of three weeks until the 5th February. At least four sewage spillages were recorded which reached Abbotsley Brook. The pumping station could not be used at this time and sewage was transported by tanker on a 24 hour basis. Please see photographs.
We are concerned that the increase in traffic volume from this proposed development, in addition to the development for two other properties which have already been approved (ref: 23/01024/FUL), will add a significantly high 'traffic load' to this narrow access point. Please note that the location map for the proposed development does not show:
a) the two properties which have been approved and are being built
b) the narrowing of Harbins Lane at its southern point at the junction with the High Street.
Both of the above are essential to consider when reviewing this application.

Thank you for your time and consideration and we hope our comments are useful. Your attention is greatly appreciated.

Dear Parish Council,

We have just been informed that there is a planning application for Harbins Lane, to be discussed by the Parish Council at their meeting. Although we have not received an invitation to comment on this development, we would like to request that in light of the damage caused to the sewage pipe which leads to the pumping station and the four resulting sewage discharges (which we are informed are the result of traffic vibration) a reduced speed limit be considered as essential with this application. There will obviously be an increase of vehicles using Harbins Lane from this development and also from development reference 23/01024/FUL. A reduced speed limit to 20 or preferably 10 mph could avert this problem and should be seriously considered for the benefit of all residents. We have enclosed photographs of the problems relating to the sewage pipe damage.

Thank you for your time and consideration, which are greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

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