

APP/21/01244: Variation of conditions – 32 New Lane Response, Shelley Saunders – 3rd February 2022

Further to my deputation on the 9th September and my concern of high traffic volumes, I wish to stress that my concern has not changed. Having listened to residents living close to the development it is clear that many have very serious concerns on the impact on the local community and the wider problem of traffic in the Havant Town area.

A variation to the adequate conditions already put in place should not be approved without scrutiny and validation that the anticipated traffic volumes are correct. ***If the operator is confident in their own data (2,415 traffic movements) surely the conditions in place should not be a problem for the operator to meet?***

Councillor Crellin asked me on the 9th September what evidence I have that the data in the application is understated. As Cllrs and planning services may know it is very difficult for a member of the public to access such data without a licence. Therefore, I have spent some time investigating other applications in an attempt to further highlight my concerns on traffic volume projections; the data is not readily available. What I can tell you is that having worked at the New Lane site for many years, a pharmaceutical distribution centre is completely different to a small parcel distribution centre; the previous occupier's data should not be used as a point of reference as it is not an 'apples for apples' comparison.

It would be prudent to request the operator provides vehicle movement data based on the estimated parcel delivery volumes from the site. This data must be available in the operator's business plan, planning & management software or from other last mile sites.

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