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The following is a comment on application '**P171532/O**' by '**Ewen Sinclair**'

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment:

Either the competence or the integrity of the authors of the Transport Assessment is questionable, details to support this are contained in the attached letter.

Attachment:

Planning_Objection_5_June_2017.pdf

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5th June 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

OBJECTION TO PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER: P171532/O

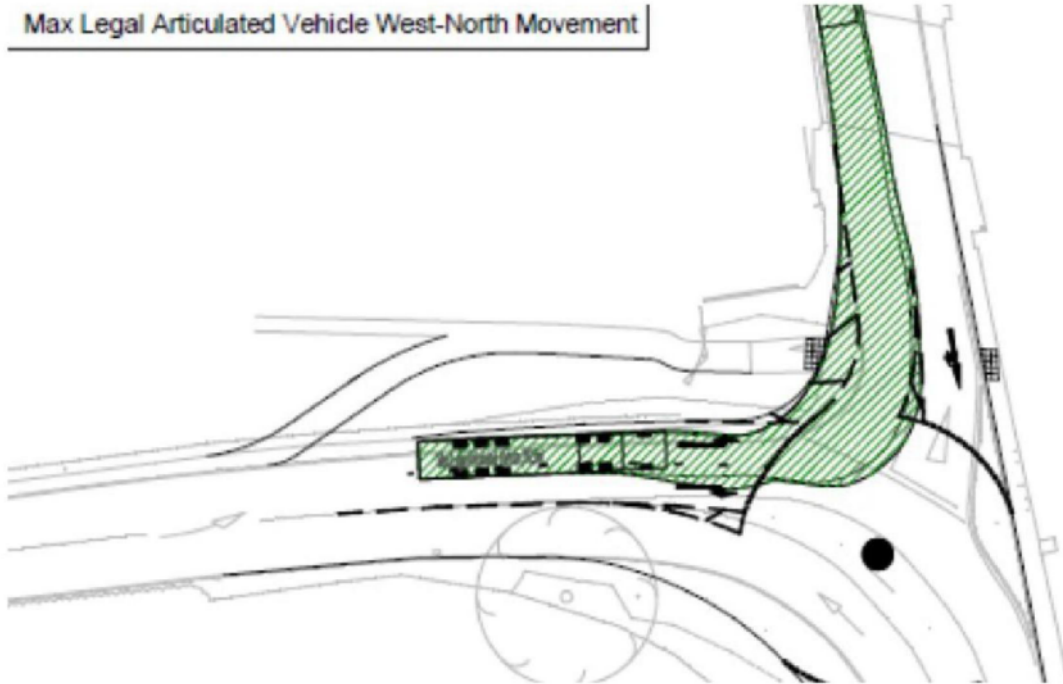
I wish to object to Planning Application Number: P171532/O, in principle I have no objection to the development but sincerely hope that adequate flood protection is included. What I have issue with is using Bromyard Road to enter/leave the proposed development. The Bromyard Road, The Homend and Hereford Road Junction's are already congested at certain times of the day. Further to this a large number of LGV's use this junction daily. A significant percentage of these are articulated and struggle to negotiate the left turn onto Bromyard Road. Indeed, they require the entire width of Bromyard Road/The Homend to turn left. The embankment for the railway line and retaining wall of Ledbury Station Car Park are significant constraints to road widening improvements; without improvements it will not work. There are no such improvements in the BWB Transport Assessment.

I have read the entire BWB Transport Assessment and will cast doubt on its validity and fitness for purpose. The Transport Report to support the Planning Application is 324 pages. Basically it is 324 pages of complete waffle, to hide statistics and misinformation that can be challenged.

Page 18 of the report regards the impact as either moderate or negligible, I fear not. Page 26 has vehicle trip numbers for peak hours at circa 600 vehicles. A figure that is questionable, 625 houses are likely to have around 950 cars. The proposal is for a mini roundabout. There are two points a mini roundabout is unlikely to handle 600 trips per hour; 10 vehicles per minute or one every 6 seconds. I believe the actual figure will be much higher. Traffic will back up in all directions resulting in gridlock. In addition it will be impossible to cross the road as a pedestrian, any type of controlled crossing will cause further traffic congestion.

The biggest concern is how the Mini Roundabout is viewed by the Transport Consultants. See below an extract from Drawing No. LUE-BWB-HML-XX-DR-D-103 S2 P5. Whoever has produced the swept paths is either incompetent or is deliberately trying to mislead the Planning Committee. The drawing shows the vehicle travelling from Hereford Road onto Bromyard Road, travelling over a significant earth embankment. If this route were taken the vehicle would either tip over or become trapped. The route shown on the swept path would require major Civil Engineering Works to be achievable; none are listed in the report.

Max Legal Articulated Vehicle West-North Movement



The only viable option for the development is access / egress onto both Bromyard Road and the Leadon Way, Hereford Road Roundabout. There was a Public Consultation over a year ago on this matter and Public Feeling was strong on this matter, the single access to Bromyard Road will not work. A solution must be found that allows traffic from the development straight onto the bypass.

To summarise, I object to the Planning Application in its current form. The Traffic Assessment is either incompetent or is fictional to achieve the result the developers require. Consent cannot be granted to a Planning Application that relies on such an atrocious piece of work.

Yours faithfully

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