

Planning application comment was submitted on the **14 January 2024 15:37 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P233282/F** by **Ann Turtle**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: I am writing to object to this application on the following grounds:

A planning application P163231/F for a house on this site was refused on 30th November 2016 and subsequently refused on appeal on 21st June 2017. It was found that the development of the site would result in “an unacceptably harmful impact on the open, rural character of the area and constitute a prominent and intrusive feature of the landscape” . As the current application is for one permanent building, and provision for four mobile homes and hardstanding for four touring caravans this must equally apply.

Another ground for refusal was the effect on highway safety. A traffic survey carried out at the time of the 2016 application showed that the B4362 is a very busy and dangerous road. At peak times there was a vehicle at least once every thirty seconds and a significant proportion of these exceeded the speed limit of 40mph. The carriage way is narrow, there are no pavements and there is no possibility of providing for any safe pedestrian refuge as at points there is no verge and the carriageway is bordered by a hawthorn hedge. The traffic includes many very large lorries and agricultural vehicles as well as buses and private cars.

When we moved into our current property in July [REDACTED], our driveway opened directly on to the B4362 immediately adjacent to the Kings Road junction. We soon became so alarmed at the dangers to ourselves posed by this access that we applied for and obtained planning permission to re-site our access despite the not-inconsiderable cost involved. It was agreed by the Highways Officer during a site inspection that our access was extremely dangerous. We were refused permission to use our field gate which had better vision on to the B4363 than the original access on the grounds that this was still too dangerous but were given permission to create a completely new access point on to Kings Road.

The traffic has only become worse in the intervening 14 years, to the point where a number of concerned Comberton residents including ourselves have recently raised the issue of road safety both with the Parish Council and with the West Mercia Police. This has resulted in the use of Speed Indicator Devices but has had little effect in reducing the volume, size or the speed of traffic. As this application could result in the presence of at least four new households, given the remote location of the site, this would inevitably add to the number of traffic movements along the road. Any new development wanting access on to the B4362 must comply with all safety requirements to ensure the safety of all road users.

Yours sincerely,
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Attachment:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: None as the provision of pavements etc is not physically possible given the nature of the road.

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