

This site you might recall as I told this forum on Tuesday has been put on hold by HE because of transgression in applying planning guidelines on transport assessments.

I would like to point out that I also told you that the developers, Hallam, for Perry Court have been told by Kent Highways that they did not have to carry out an 'impact analysis' in spite of an agreement that this has to be done in the statement of Common Ground agreed at your previous hearing.

I have written to HE to ask them to review the transport assessment for Perry Court and I point out that this assessment would have been guided by the same planning team that I believe gives it little credence. HE have rejected this and also saying that the 370 dwellings will not affect the M2 but the eastbound carriageway towards Jct 7 (Brenely roundabout) is identified in the top 50 crash site in England!

I would ask that these two sites be linked so that the proper effect of the traffic that Perry Court also in effect accesses the A2 via Brogdale Rd and that there are now several junctions in close proximity on the fast, busy and dangerous A251 which always has major queues at peak and compromises a private road. This site has only been passed in OUTLINE and this would be important that the SECTION 106 agreement is effective.

This represents some 600 dwellings which appear to have been brought in on the back of a change to MM45 re the setting of Faversham to which I know that the planners have to respond to justify this since I do not know of anything which has changed in the NPPF to change the first policy wording.

This will have a devastating effect on our livelihoods and present a very unsafe traffic flow which is not sustainable and I asked that these two sites are reviewed to ensure that a proper assessment is made.

I would also like to link this to the Air Quality with the AQMA having results higher than that of the Pond Farm application and in the light of the traffic challenge I cannot see how mitigation can, at this point, prevent a significant risk to human health (this is playing with lives). As Mr Upton informed, the Pond Farm application was rejected on this point. The Council do not have an Air Quality plan that and it been accepted in court that we have a right to demand that this decision should be plan lead taking into account the total committed and uncommitted sites.

I would also inform that the Environmental Officer for Kent changed his evidence between the two planning meetings being more favourable latterly as opposed to being of concern initially.

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