Additional update received from a local resident in relation to application 20/01174 and circulated to members on 5 June 2024 prior to committee:

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I am unable to attend the meeting tomorrow 5th June would like to raise the following issues as a objector to the proposal 20/01174/FUM

Would also like to bring to your attention the parking situation around this area of this area of Soham which also applies to most other others of Soham. Most residents park on the road which is their right outside their property's as they do not have off road parking. Some properties owning two to three vehicles. All this area of Soham which includes Mereside, Clay Street, Station Road, Fountains Lane have resident parking due to very few properties have off road parking.

Mereside is constantly being used a cut through by numerous speeding cars, Parents taking children to Soham village College, regular HGV's on a daily basis which serve local businesses e.g. Ecobale, Soham Village college buses, farm traffic and other extremely large vehicles which is totally unsuitable use presently of this road. The Soham station opening has also increased traffic and with the narrowing of the bottom of Station road as part of the station development has also made this junction dangerous as residents park on this junction. Station road photo attached which shows the parking on a less busy day as most days the cars are parked down to the junction of Mereside

The VIVA theatre and a well used children's nursery is located along Mereside which also has an impact on traffic

I very much doubt in a 20 mph speed limit was introduced in Soham this would help with any ease this problem

The present excessive use of these roads is already extremely dangerous for all residents, other road users and pedestrians alike, causing excessive damage to all the roads with this current traffic usage vibrating properties. Photographic evidence attached of damage. Also, with the average domestic vehicle measuring 2 metres this road is unsuitable for this development. HGV's, Buses, Farm Traffic which use this road are significantly larger and heavier than domestic vehicles.

The proposal for 91 reduced from the original 108 properties on the previous application will make not make any difference to increased demand on a already busy roads with extra traffic from the development joining an already extremely busy roads. The road width is 5.60 meters at the entrance to the proposed development makes it extremely dangerous for any cars, bikes using this as an entry or exit onto Mereside with the highlighted busy road use and car parking for residents. Please refer to photo road use 1 and 2 which clearly

shows the current road opposite the proposed development use which documents the housing proposal for this area of Soham is totally unsuitable.

On the previous application noted that a flood risk survey has been carried out and some plans have been put in place to deal with any possible flooding. I would to inform you that with other housing that has been built in Soham's expansion there is problems with flooding within the development's and in the surrounding drainage even with similar plans were put in place. This is causing ongoing issues not just around the developments but in the wider area where the developments have been built.

Regards











