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Subject: Examination of the North Hertfordshire Local Plan 2011 -2031

Hearings Matter: Matter 31 – the main modifications put forward by the Council relating to Policy SP9: Design and Sustainability and in relation to the strategic housing site policies (Policies SP14 to SP19 inclusive)

31.7 Are the main modifications proposed in relation to Policy SP19: Sites EL1, EL2 and EL3 (FM009) necessary for soundness? Are they justified, effective and consistent with national policy?

To answer that question I would like to present three things:

- 1- Three photos of [REDACTED] squashed car. [REDACTED]
- 2- The story of what happened written by [REDACTED], on this main access road to East of Luton sites E1, EL2 and EL3;

In the Hearing I will tell you these things:

- 3- Measurements in metric of a different sized cars.
- 4- Measurements in metric of Stony Lane.
- 5- Measurements in metric of Chalk Hill road.
- 6- A “to-scale” Lego model of two cars and a road like chalk hill. Some mathematical problems.

I am Zade Cottier-Wood. I’m ten years old and I want to be an architect or a Lego designer. I am always building things on a computer game called ROBLOX. I also build lots of big cities in Minecraft. Making sure objects fit together is a very good skill.

At the moment I am doing home-schooling because of the virus.

For my Maths Project I have measured the width of my Grandma’s small car and my Grandad’s big car. I used a tape measure. Here are the photos.

The Chalk Hill road is very long but very narrow.

The Stony Lane into Tea Green and Cockernhoe is very long but very, very narrow.

If cars try to get to the new houses, they will not be able to do it. Only one car is allowed to travel the road. Two cars will cause crashes like what happened to [REDACTED]
If you build everything but only have this little road to get into it, then it is a very bad plan.

This is why MASTER PLANS are important.

It would cost a lot of money to do this, and use a lot of green fields. We need these to play and walk our dogs.

Here are three photos of what happened to [REDACTED] car when she was still in it and when it was squashed down Stony Lane.

This is the story of what happened to his wife from [REDACTED]:

“Hi Zade:

Here is the story re the car write off.

- 1) This occurred several days before Christmas 2018. [REDACTED] was returning home after volunteering at Age UK in Whitwell. She was driving up Stony Lane towards Tea Green when she was confronted by the large HGV coming down the hill towards Lilley Bottom Road.
- 2) The HGV was a grain lorry from Northamptonshire heading towards one of the farms on the other side of Lilley Bottom Road with a full load of feed. Quite why the lorry was on this narrow road is anyone's guess. The logical route to the farm would be to take the A505 and come off at Lilley and then take the B road (which is Lilley Bottom Road) and then turn left into the road leading to the farm. I can only guess that the driver was following a sat nav and had not bothered to consult a map which would have shown the narrow white roads as not really being suitable for a HGV.
- 3) As [REDACTED] came up the hill she realised there was no way that the lorry would be able to get past her despite she having pulled as tight as possible into one of the passing places. She shouted through the window to the driver in his cab and told the HGV driver there was not enough room but he carried on anyway.
- 4) As the lorry edged forward, the side of its trailer caught the door handles of the car and got trapped. As the driver tried to manoeuvre so the lock became worse and the side of the car was being seriously damaged.
- 5) By this time the heavily-laden trailer was also tight into the hedge on its side of the road and was leering dangerously over towards the car. [REDACTED] didn't feel safe but couldn't get out except by opening the front passenger side window and crawling out into the hedge.
- 6) Car traffic was building up at both ends of Stony Lane by this time and someone called the police. Two employees of Olivers - the farm equipment company at Wandon End - were in one of the cars and were very helpful.

7) Eventually the police came and closed the road at both ends. The only way to extricate the HGV from the car was by unhooking the lorry cab from the trailer but the driver felt that would de-stabilise the load. However, some people from the farm advised that they felt this would not happen so the cab was removed and this allowed to [REDACTED] to be able to reverse out of the passing place and reverse all the way down Stony Lane and from there back home.

8) She took all the photos as things were unfolding.

9) I claimed on insurance and sent all the photos to the Insurance company who declared the car as an economic write-off - that is the costs of repairs were more than the car was worth. The car was only 5 years old and had no more than 40,000 miles on the clock. My intention was to keep it for several more years until around 60,000 miles and then trade it in for a newer model in several years' time. The insurance company offered a good price for the car and so the matter was settled. I have no idea what happened to the driver of the HGV.

10) Very frightening and upsetting for [REDACTED] and a total inconvenience just a few days before Christmas. Also total proof that these barrow lanes are no place for HGVs, school buses and other similar large vehicles.

Hope this helps Zade.

Best.
[REDACTED]

Here are the car crash pictures:

Picture 1 – [REDACTED] car is the little black one being crushed by the bog red lorry.



Picture 2 – As [REDACTED] car was being crushed by the big red lorry she had to climb out of the window on the other side, because she thought she was going to be crushed to death.



Picture 3 – [redacted] car is the little black one being crushed by the bog red lorry.



Next I measured the cars for proof.

A small Mini Cooper has these measurements.

1 wing mirror = 25.7 cm

Width of car at front = 162.9 cm

For large car:

1 wing mirror = 25.7 cm

Width 173.9 cm

Back width = 170.5 cm

But what is the width if two cars pass each on the narrow road?

To be continued.