

ITEM 5.4

Dear Gemma George

I am writing on behalf of my mother, Mrs Jeanne Hakin, of 8 Cleveland Court, Gunthorpe, Peterborough, as she does not have access to e-mail. She makes a weekly minibus journey which picks up in Hallfields Lane in the morning at school time, ie when the traffic is at its busiest. She has made the following observations regarding the proposed site and its access road:

1. There is already severe traffic congestion at peak times with cars parked on both sides of Hallfields Lane up to the double yellow lines on the corner of Tudor Close. Buses are frequently held up.
2. There would be a hazard to pedestrians, particularly children, crossing the access road to the proposed site.
3. Because of the congestion and the narrowness of the access road, there would be poor visibility for drivers emerging from this road on to Hallfields Lane.
4. If refuse vehicles are unable to turn into the proposed site so that bins would need to be brought out on to Hallfields Lane, there would be eight extra bins on the footpaths of Hallfields Lane on alternate weeks. Bins already restrict space on the footpaths which can make it difficult for parents with buggies, and for pensioners such as Mrs Hakin who has poor eyesight and uses a walking stick. Extra bins would make the situation worse and pedestrians should not be forced to walk on the road.
5. Would there be enough space for emergency vehicles to access the proposed site, particularly at busy times?
6. Is the access road sufficiently wide to accommodate a footpath? If not, it would be hazardous for pedestrians entering or leaving the site.

Mrs Hakin would be most grateful if these points could be raised at the meeting due to take place on Tuesday 7 February which she is planning to attend.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Kind regards

Barbara King