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DM/21/00154/VOC: Variation of conditions 22 (Framwellgate Peth access strategy) and 24 (Framwellgate Peth junction design) of DM/18/00896/VOC

DM/21/00155/VOC: Variation of conditions 19 (Framwellgate Peth access strategy) and 18 (Framwellgate Peth junction design) of DM/18/02924/FPA

Dear Henry

The City of Durham Trust has worked closely on these applications with the City of Durham Parish Council and we fully endorse its letter of 13 February 2021.

It is now two weeks since I attended a meeting of a group of local residents and councillors with representatives of Tolent. One of the main purposes of that meeting was to express our concerns about the dangerous lack of signage for pedestrians and cyclists while the works are undertaken. We made a number of specific suggestions for improvements. Two weeks later, none of them have been implemented.

This lack of regard for the safety of pedestrians and cyclists was also displayed by Tolent when we suggested, as described in the Parish Council's letter, that there might be a hump across the new access for the benefit of pedestrians and cyclists. Tolent's response was that this would slow down motorists, completely failing to see that this was precisely what it was designed to do!

A further important point in the context of pedestrian and cyclist safety is that Framwellgate Peth is shared by them and is in fact quite dangerous for pedestrians as cyclists speed silently down the hill. We would very much appreciate measures being taken, while these works are under way, to improve the safety of this dual use route.

Finally, we note that the works are already well under way long before this application has been considered.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe
Chair, City of Durham Trust