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Comments*The section states :*

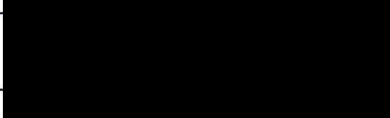
The presence of a chalk stream adjacent to the site is considered to represent a significant natural asset. Development should ensure that the integrity and water quality of the stream is protected at all times. Proposals and/or contributions towards bank improvements or access for education via the site will be welcomed.

Having volunteered for Action for the River Kennet (ARK – Head Office Marlborough) on several occasions including working on the Shalbourn close to where the development will take place we are aware of the effort taken by ARK and its volunteers to maintain and enhance the rare chalk stream for the benefit of all.


It is essential that the wording included in the section is followed through and verified at all stages of development to ensure that mitigation is built into the development to remove the possibility of pollution events from occurring.

DPART C – Notification of progress of the Hungerford NDP**Do you wish to be notified of any of the following?*****Please tick all that apply***

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Appendix:	

Comments

We are not against the development per-se but we are very concerned about the volume of traffic that it will generate along Church Street and Smitham Bridge road with specific reference to the width of the road infrastructure / sight lines / rights of way and pedestrian pavements

From where we live, we obviously travel along the route every day either in the car or walking and believe that attention to some of the issues are required alongside the development of the houses to ensure the safety of vehicles and pedestrians who use the route that will become significantly busier during and after the construction has taken place.

We have the following comments :

- 1. The width of the pavements in some places is barely wide enough for a single buggy (especially on the corner of Parsonage Lane and Smitham Bridge Road), in other places there are no pavements at all (on one side of the road along Church Street near to the High Street) with pedestrians having to cross the road in order to have a safe place to walk. It is intimidating to pedestrians walking along the sections of pavements when vehicles pass close by, sometimes at speed.*
- 2. The 'Give Way' in Smitham Bridge Road where it joins Church Street is not always adhered to partly because the slight curve in the road (sight lines) obscures the view of oncoming traffic along Church Street.*
Turning left from Church Way into Smitham Bridge Road, with the entrance to Parsonage Lane nearly opposite, should be taken with great care as the sight lines are totally obscured and sometimes cars must dramatically slow down so as to avoid colliding.
Turning right from Church Way into Church Street must also be taken with care as it is difficult to see approaching traffic travelling from Smitham Bridge Road (i.e. from the left) for the same reason.
Cars turning left out of Parsonage Lane into Church Street also encounter an issue as the sight lines into Church Street are not clear. The nature of the road's narrowing at this point forces traffic travelling along Church Street to slow down where the oncoming vehicle has not been seen, as that part of the road is not wide enough to accommodate the car pulling out of Parsonage Lane and the car travelling along Church Street.
We believe that this junction is a serious accident waiting to happen either to cars and or pedestrians bearing in mind the narrow width of the pavement at this point as in 1 above.
- 3. The speed of the traffic sometimes exceeds the speed limit.*
- 4. With the cars parked on one side of Smitham Bridge Road, there are times when lorries for the industrial estate are barely able to pass either because of the poor parking of car drivers*

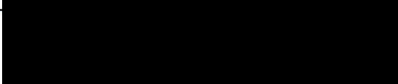
or the width of the lorries using the industrial estate.

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