

EAST THAME RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER- January 2021
VERY IMPORTANT
ETRA RESPONSE TO FOOTWAY & ROAD WIDTH
PROPOSALS

This newsletter is solely devoted to recent developments in the outline planning application for a Health Campus on the corner of the Tythrop Way, Kingsey Road, Howland Road roundabout. The detailed application can be viewed on the SODC Planning Register under the reference **P20/S2593/O** and clear instructions are given as to how to respond.

Following extensive investigation, and in its response to the new transport assessment, the Committee made the following submissions to SODC in respect of the proposed footway on, and width reduction of, Fanshawe Road.

- The proposed extension of the footway from Fanshawe Road is both **ill-conceived and undeliverable**. The applicant's proposal for it, and the associated reduction in road width, cannot be executed.
- The **land proposed to be used to provide the footway link is in private ownership**.
- **The land does not form part of the public highway as stated**, as confirmed by obtaining a map showing the highway extents from OCC. The plan shown at Appendix D in the Addendum is not the official record but a hand drawn interpretation prepared for an expired and unimplemented planning application.
- **There is no service strip in front of 2 Fanshawe Road**, as confirmed by the owner after checking the property deeds and this is confirmed by the absence of highway extents.
- Examination of the **approved landscaping plans** for the Fanshawe Road development **show the hedge in front of No2** in the current location, not overgrown onto the service strip as suggested.
- **The Applicant has failed to take accurate measurements**. Measurement of the existing width of the carriageway confirms it is 5.48m. By taking 1m off this width it will be reduced to 4.48m, not 4.61m as stated.
- Irrespective of the factual error regarding the service strip, the **proposed narrowing of the road is dangerous** in the context of proximity to a busy bypass and would easily lead to obstruction both on Fanshawe Road and the bypass. This danger is enhanced by the size of modern vehicles, the assumption that service vehicles will use the middle of the road and that access by emergency vehicles could be compromised.
- The addendum continues, also, not to acknowledge the **lack of a safety island in crossing the Kingsey Road** into the passageway link to Fanshawe Road.

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