

	Online Comments
Application No	17/03417/OUT
Comments:	<p>I am writing to object to this proposal, as a local resident. I have two major concerns relating to the increase in traffic along the B4122 – the increase, particularly in lorries, will make an already hazardous road more dangerous to residents pulling out onto the B4122. To partially alleviate this the Council should impose a 40mph speed limit from Junction 17 to the junction with the A4069. There will also be a significant increase in noise pollution – while a reduced speed limit may help, the council should consider other noise reduction options. Putting a low speed limit on the B4122 would encourage people to use the A350, rather than turn the backroads into a rat run.</p> <p>Having read the submitted traffic report, I don't think it addresses the B4122 issues – this is a narrow, bendy, dangerous road that vehicles speed down. The lorries that pull out of the Pit Stop and lorry park already create a hazard, along with queuing traffic to the household recycling centre. Visibility to those pulling out is severely limited.</p> <p>I have a significant concern about the junction of the B4122 and A4069 – this is an increasingly busy and dangerous junction, with lorries turning off up to the motorway cutting corners, and even doing irresponsible U turns on that junction. Is it feasible to create a roundabout there? That would decrease the risk, and perhaps slow the traffic down the 'Draycot straight' and onto the B4122.</p> <p>The plot is a beautiful and historic greenfield site which boundaries onto our villages, and is an entrance into Chippenham. It seems to me that once this is lost it changes the surrounding area irreparably. As a rural community, I understood that the character of the local villages was to be protected – turning this area into the gateway to Chippenham undermines those communities and eventually will destroy them, as they become drive through routes (Sutton Benger and Kington Langley already suffer in part from this).</p> <p>The application makes much of the employment opportunities, however, I understand that Chippenham has nearly full employment, and the types of job on offer at a distribution centre would be unlikely to attract people who live in Chippenham and the surrounding villages. This means that workers would be coming in from further afield, causing more traffic issues, as you cannot walk to the site and neither is there public transport that would be appropriate. The suggestion of a shuttle bus sounds great, but not sure how practical it will be in reality. The truth is that there will be more traffic with employees arriving by car.</p> <p>These are only out line plans, so it is hard to comment on the buildings. The plot is very large, as are the units on the plans. Keeping them single story is essential, along with the concern for light pollution. Hours of work are not indicated, but it is vital that this is addressed within the consent if possible, as the noise and traffic will have a huge and detrimental impact on the local residents.</p>

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