

PLANNING REF : 253071

Dear Planning Committee,

I would like to object to the proposed pedestrian footpath through Canberra Lake Way.

I live here with my three young children, and one of the reasons we chose this street was because it is a quiet and safe cul-de-sac where children can play outside without lots of passing foot traffic or strangers regularly coming through the road. Introducing a public walkway would really change the feel of the street and the sense of safety residents currently have.

I also feel the proposal is being presented as a way of "connecting communities", when in reality I worry it could have the opposite effect. Canberra Lake Way already has a lovely community feel because it is quiet, private and secure. Many neighbours know each other well, children play together outside, and there is a real sense of trust here that could easily be lost if the street becomes a public cut-through.

I am also very concerned about parking. The neighbouring development already seems to have limited parking provision, and I think there is a strong possibility that Canberra Lake Way will end up being used for overspill parking. The parking spaces here are privately maintained by residents, so it does not feel fair for our street to take on the additional congestion and inconvenience caused by another development.

There are also security concerns around creating what Thames Valley Police refer to as a "leaky cul-de-sac", where additional access routes can increase opportunities for opportunistic crime. At the moment, people entering the street are generally residents or visitors, which helps maintain the safe environment we currently have.

Finally, I do not believe the footpath offers a significant enough benefit to outweigh the impact on residents, especially as the route via Park Lane is already available and very similar in distance.

I hope the council will carefully consider the impact this proposal could have on the safety, privacy and character of Canberra Lake Way.

Yours sincerely,

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