

Shacks Barn Update

Feb 2024: Revision B of Transport Assessment completed by MJM Consulting Engineers acting on behalf of Clowes added to the Shacks Barn Planning Application

The conclusion drawn is:

*This Transport Assessment has demonstrated that the proposals are likely to result in an increase in vehicle trips, which cannot be considered to result in a severe impact in accordance with the NPPF. It is concluded that the local highway network will operate satisfactorily and with spare capacity. It is the case, therefore, that there are no substantive highway reasons why the proposals should not be granted planning consent.*

Feedback following local resident review is that the overall approach hasn't changed much. Clearly there's a lot of back and forth between the developer and WNC while National Highways seem content, probably rightly from their perspective of the priority i.e. the free flow of traffic along the A43.

National Highways' responsibility is for the A43 and associated junctions, not the A413 through Silverstone or other non-trunk roads.

Note that NH have not renewed (to the best knowledge) the hold they previously had placed on this application.

On the whole there is no change from the objections that have been made right from the start - too much traffic through central Silverstone.

Many of the questions on hours of operation and 24/7 movements are unanswered.

The A413 through Whittlebury is already positively dangerous with vehicles routinely mounting the narrow pavements when passing the school.

Both Parish Councils have called for weight restrictions on the A413 through both Whittlebury and Silverstone;

There is a concern that the agency is taking the statement that the Shacks Barn site has direct access the A43 as a given without understanding that all southern traffic access and egress will pass through Silverstone (i.e. 60%).

Request:

Can SPC push for an update from WNC Highways on the traffic assessments for the A413 and associated junctions (including the Dadford interchange)

Can we press for enforcement cameras to be put in place as there is already an unacceptable level of non-compliance on Church Way in Whittlebury. For example