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Please see attached a Road Safety Audit which Glyndwr University have commissioned in response to the proposed reason for refusal of Planning Application P/2018/0674 – 112 dwellings at Gatewen Road. This audit was undertaken to address Wrexham CBC Highways' recommendation that the scheme be refused on the basis of:

- 1 The use of the site access resulting from the proposed development would be likely to increase the conflict of movements opposite a junction with restricted visibility for emerging vehicles resulting in additional danger and inconvenience to all users of the road.
- 2 Inadequate information has been submitted to satisfy the local planning authority that the proposal is acceptable in terms of access.

This report is undertaken by independent road safety auditors and (as is usually the case) raises points of detail which would be addressed via detailed design at the Section 278 stage. Importantly, the report clearly does not reach the same conclusion as the Highway Officer's response of 7th February and confirms that both of the above reasons for refusal are unjustified and without any basis of evidence. The access arrangements are not found to be unsafe. The two proposed reasons for refusal highlighted above are incorrect and should be withdrawn to avoid misleading the Planning Committee.

Please can the findings of the attached report therefore be reported to committee on Monday.

Glyndwr also wish to make the point that if Wrexham's Highways Officers had a concern regarding highway safety, they were well within their rights to request that this report be produced by the Applicants to look at this very issue. What is really disappointing is that Highways officers didn't ask for this Road Safety Audit (the commonplace and standard approach used by Highways Departments elsewhere) and instead drafted reasons for refusal regarding safety concerns – without any evidence as to why a refusal on safety was justified.

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