

## COMMON LANE BETLEY

### BACKGROUND

1. Common Lane Betley runs from the Main Road (A531) Betley to Betley Common with a total length of about 1km.
2. *The County Council maintains the first 250 metres from the A531, the remainder is a private road.*
3. The private road section is a public right of way, (footpath), but there is no right of vehicular access over this section.
4. *Some 200 – 250 metres into the private section is a (tight) entrance into a field owned by Betley Court Farm.*
5. There are eight properties accessed over the private section of the road, and eleven properties fronting the public highway.
6. *The road is single line traffic. There are the following passing places:*
7. By the bridge at the start of the private section  
At the entrance to Laudy Croft some 100metres into the private section  
At the start of the Betley Common properties  
At Betley Common, end of road.

### USE OF COMMON LANE AS ACCESS FROM SITE

#### Residents Access

- 8 A traffic regulation prohibiting traffic entering the site would result in nineteen properties having no access for the period of the order.
- 9 *Controlling access using marshals would result in a delay of up to fifteen minutes before the road could be cleared.*
- 10 Emergency vehicles would have difficulty in accessing the properties

#### Site Access

- 11 The rear entrance should be clear for emergency vehicles to enter/exit the site
- 12 *The exit from the field to the road is very tight*
- 13 200 to 250 metres is a rough surface private road

### SAFETY

- 14 The exit onto the main road is alongside the Swan. Last year customers spilled out over the pavement and into Common Lane, resulting in a significant safety issue if vehicles were to use Common Lane
- 15 *Visibility is not good, particularly if there are hoards of pedestrians in front of the Swan*
- 16 The only traffic issue last year was when the Common Lane exit was used on the Friday night
- 17 *If A351 traffic is held up to allow exit from Common Lane there is a potential conflict, and resulting buildup, with traffic leaving the Farm exit, or the emergency car park opposite the farm.*

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