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Dear Cllrs

Our objection letter of 15th December 2022 pointed out the potential negative effect of this development on health and active travel on the roads of Weybridge; this does not appear to have been considered in the officer's report although health considerations are capable of being material planning considerations. This is recognised in the NPPF which includes the following statement at paragraph 69:- "The planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities." In addition, Section 12 of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 imposes a duty on local authorities to take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their areas. As a likely use of this facility is as a 'last mile' distribution centre the effect of large numbers of HGVs and light vans on the physical and mental health of the people of Weybridge which is already an AQMA must be assessed to make a safe determination.

Specifically, we could not find an assessment on planning policy SL1 (Health and Wellbeing). The assessment on policy SD3 (Support for active travel) mainly considers travel to and from the site but does not consider the likely effect of an increased number of commercial vehicles on the propensity of Weybridge residents, particularly the elderly and children, to walk and cycle. As you will be aware the Chief Medical Officer's report for 2022 recommends that: "*Shifting to active travel where possible has direct health wins as well as reducing air pollution from vehicles – planning should support this*".

It is █ view that public health implications have not been adequately considered. Therefore, determination should be deferred until a comprehensive assessment of the impact of the proposed development on public health has been undertaken.

Yours sincerely

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