

The following is my response to the decision from the Transportation Department of Moray Council to their objections to the new build bungalow in my garden at Rosemount 5 Mayne Road Elgin IV30 1 NY and concerns planning application 17/00590/APP.

The departments main objection is to the road safety of road users of South Street which is where I would prefer to have an entrance to the new house. We have lived at Rosemount for over 32 years and I feel I know the traffic flow and parking is quite steady in South Street. But why should this prevent us from having an additional entrance onto the Street. The entrance can be widened simply by lowering the high stone wall either side of the entrance to enable better vision. In fact the entrance need not be exactly positioned as shown on the plan and certainly not wide enough to lose 8 parking spaces.

Parking cars at this area of South Street is used by postal workers mainly who are there from very early morning but are away when their shifts stop around 3.30pm. After that there is an abundance of spaces left. The Department states that " the parking bays are well utilised throughout the day" which is not strictly true. If we have people staying at Rosemount with vans which I am not happy about parking them in our car park they always find space on South Street and they get access to Rosemount through a gate on South Street.

Parking nearer to the Accountants Offices is not a great amount as there is a large car park within their grounds. That area is used more for dropping off or picking up.

With all the proposals for new ring roads etc. by the department surely this will make South Street quieter and back to its residential status rather than the highway it is now for heavy lorries which make the residents very unhappy due to the clattering of heavy lorries speeding along on the very rough surface of the road.

I would also like to repeat the disregard from Planners when I and others objected to the building of the 14 Springfield flats on South Street which was passed without being presented to a review. The flats have taken away our privacy and probably devalued our house quite considerably.

Fortunately the flats have off street parking but they have to get access to South Street as well. Our neighbours going towards High Street both have garages opening onto South Street which does not cause problems. The nearest residential properties with no off street parking are much further along the road after the entrance to Hawthorn Road and I would question the Departments assumption that those residents are parking near our proposed entrance.

The Department has suggested that an entrance be taken from Mayne Road but I am not in favour of this as the existing entrance is part of Rosemount and should remain so. However with great reluctance I may consider this but feel it would be to the detriment of Rosemount.

I hope that the Review Committee will appreciate the need for an entrance in South Street and will welcome them to view the site.

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