

Dear Ms Williams,

Re: Objection to Planning Application DM/25/1593 – Proposed Development of 48/50 Houses via Woodlands Close

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of 48 to 50 houses at the above location. While I understand the need for new housing, I believe this particular development is unsuitable and will have a detrimental impact on the local area for the following reasons:

1. Traffic Congestion and Road Safety:

The main access route will be via Kiln Road. This road was built as a housing estate and not a main access route. As a regular pedestrian on this road I can clearly see that previous developments have already taken traffic to levels and behaviour outside of the road design limits. The volume and increased speeds associated with its use as a through road (as opposed to residential) combined with the need to manoeuvre around legitimately parked vehicles already regularly generates serious safety incidents between other vehicles and pedestrians. This is particularly true of Woodlands Close and the junction with Kiln Road and this development will exacerbate the issue, potentially to a high risk situation.

2. Impact on Pedestrian Safety:

With more vehicles, the risk to pedestrians will rise considerably. There are no pedestrian crossings and traffic calming measures in place, making it hazardous for residents, particularly vulnerable groups such as children and the elderly.

3. Lack of Adequate Infrastructure:

We already have issues with power cuts, drains and water supply suggesting infrastructure operating near its limits. Adding further properties without major improvements make it highly likely local services will be overwhelmed, negatively impacting the quality of life for existing and new residents alike.

4. Overdevelopment:

The scale of the proposed development is excessive for the size and character of the area. Such overdevelopment places an unsustainable strain on other local infrastructure, including schools, healthcare services and social facilities.

5. Environmental Concerns:

The development threatens to disrupt the existing natural habitat and green spaces. This area provides a valuable ecological haven and contributes to the well-being of local residents. Further development risks the loss of biodiversity and alters the natural landscape irreversibly.

For the reasons outlined above, I strongly urge the council to reject this planning application.

Yours faithfully,

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