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Subject: Comments/Objections to RMA Ref: DM/26/1961

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F.A.O: Joanne Fisher
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Dear Ms Fisher
Re: RMA Ref: DM/26/1961

Please note the following comments/objections to the proposals made by Cala Homes:

1. It is noted that the owner of Foxhole Farm has conveniently arranged for a very wide buffer zone around his property, which has resulted in the main access road through the development impinging on the privacy and running unnecessarily close to the rear gardens of many properties in The Street – especially towards its the north end. This will significantly increase noise and disturbance to properties on the west side of the street. A widened and meaningful buffer zone is required along the entire eastern boundary of the site to avoid disturbance to and minimise impact on existing residents. Dense tree planting should also be undertaken to further reduce impact.
2. The whole development is a very significant intrusion into the unspoilt countryside.
3. The entire development is out of proportion to the size of the existing village, and will result in significant overbearing impact and loss of outlook to many existing village properties.
4. There remain many highway safety issues still to be properly and thoroughly addressed in regard to the main site access from the A272 Cross Post junction.
5. The proposed Community Hub is an irrelevance and unwanted commodity – a mere sop, proposed unilaterally by the developers to satisfy a s106 Agreement. It should be entirely deleted from the plans to prevent it becoming an unused/misused eyesore to the detriment of the entire village. Rawson Hall was built for this specific purpose and fulfilled its role perfectly without the need for anything further. In any event this or any alternative proposal should be re-sited away from existing properties in the village – to the north-west extremity of the site. Any thought of a Community Hub or Kangaroo Charities etc., should be abandoned in favour of something of significant benefit to the village – perhaps even a Post Office.
6. The largely standardized design of the proposed dwellings will make the development look little different to a council housing estate, with little respect for the historic and varied character of the existing village.

With thanks and regard
Yours sincerely

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