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Mr P Lester  
Planning Department  
Redditch Borough Council  
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Dear Mr Lester

**Planing Application: Ref.21/01830/FUL**

As a concerned resident, I wish to object to the above planning application for the planned development of over 200 houses on green belt land, next to Hither Green Lane in Redditch, on the following grounds.

**Increased traffic along Dagnell End Road**

I mainly use the lower entrance to Hither Green Lane, and therefore drive past the entrance by the hotel on a regular basis. The junction is always busy and great care has to be taken to watch for cars pulling out of HGL, and also for people turning in, in front of you as they have usually been waiting for some time to turn into HGL. This also backs up the traffic on Dagnell End Road, causing further frustration for the large amount of traffic that already uses Dagnell End Road to access other parts of Redditch, and of course, Birmingham and the M42.

If an additional four hundred plus cars are going to be coming in and out of the hotel entrance to HGL every day, it will just be a matter of time before there is a tragic accident. Also, when the coaches pick up and drop of the local school children, how are they going to safely cross Dagnell End Road with all this increased traffic along the road and around the junction!

**New development not compatible with the existing houses.**

Currently there are 158 houses on Hither Green Lane. The 216 proposed new houses will not be built to the standard, nor of a similar size to the existing houses on Hither Green Lane. The houses proposed in the development will be smaller, crowded together, and in no way will they be compatible and 'blend in' with the houses already built.

**Impact on local services**

With the continual increase in new housing in the Redditch area, has any research been undertaken to assess what all the additional housing is doing to our local services?

Will they be able to cope with the increased demand? Doctors, Dentists, Local Schools, and of course the Alexandra hospital which is already at full capacity.

This all needs to be assessed before Redditch continues this unwarranted expansion.

**Lack of public transport**

There is currently no public transport along Dagnell End Road. The nearest bus route is along the A441.

Therefore, anybody living on this proposed new development would need their own transport. Most families would need two cars each to be able to get about easily. This means at least 400 additional cars driving in and out of the area every day. Has an environmental impact study been done to assess the detrimental affect this would have to local countryside?

**Approval of 2500 (TWO AND A HALF THOUSAND)!! new houses in the Foxlydiate area.**

I have read in the local press that planning approval has been given, for two and a half thousand new houses around Foxlydiate.

With this huge development, there can be no reason to double the number of houses local to the A441, a road that already struggles to handle the amount of traffic etc., in this area.

With this large development, and the additional 800 plus houses to be built by Persimmon, there can be no justification for the HGL proposals to satisfy the local demand for new housing.

I ask that you take all the above objections into consideration, and reject the application for the proposed development

Yours faithfully

P. N. King