

59 Hither Green Lane

Abbey Park

Redditch

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Dear Mr Lester

Planning Application 21/01830/FUL

My name is John Hudson and I live at 59 Hither Green Lane.

I am writing to vehemently oppose the ridiculous and shameful planning application put forward by David Wilson Homes.

I also reserve the right to add further comments to my objection.

I have lived in Hither Green Lane for the last 30 years and, being a keen runner and walker, I really appreciate what the area has to offer - the green sward from Dagnell End Road all the way to the Arrow Valley Lake and beyond is enjoyed daily by hundreds of people, running, walking and just enjoying the beautiful countryside. It is an absolute delight to see wildlife such as deer, foxes, badgers, rabbits, bats and many, many breeds of birds

I note from the plans that there are to be seven parking slots to cope with the visitors to the additional 216 dwellings. Considering the plans are destroying at least 45 **overflow** vehicle parking slots at the hotel entrance, this can only exacerbate a real problem of traffic congestion and public safety at the hotel entrance and exit from Hither Green Lane.

The increased strain on the local Doctors and schools is a very real problem as is the reduction in services/activity at The Alexandra Hospital. I am personally forced to travel to Kidderminster on a regular basis, for treatment that was once obtainable at the Alexandra Hospital. Additional housing as planned will do nothing to alleviate this serious problem concerning people's health and welfare.

One of the considerations in purchasing my home in 1990 in Hither Green Lane, was the proximity to open countryside and the surrounding golf course, and at the time of the demise of the New Towns Commission, accepted that the next stage of major housing development would be in the Webheath area of Redditch, leading to Elcocks Brook. Later publications expressed other sites but were emphatic that they were to be on the **West side of the town to the south** - the proposed development by David Wilson Homes is an area at the **North East** of Redditch, which appears to be a total disregard of previous proposals.

In summary, the proposal put forward by David Wilson Homes is not well conceived and relates poorly to the built-up area, having little regard to the existing Hither Green Lane community and lacking any real cohesion with the local area.

I understand the site is designated Primarily **Open Space** and as such, under Policy 13 of the BORLP4 the Council should seek to safeguard this area in order to protect the environment, its wildlife habitats and meet the recreational needs of the existing local residents.

The proposed David Wilson Homes' scheme of over 200+ houses would have an irreversible, negative impact on the environment, local school and healthcare services, traffic/local road network and the Hither Green Lane community.

I, therefore, urge the council to refuse the planning application on the grounds stated above.

Yours sincerely,



C John Hudson

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