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Reference (21/01830/FUL) submitted by Barratt David Wilson Homes for 216 houses.

I write to formally and vigorously object to this new housing development. This land is currently designated as open green space, this green space is highly respected and well used by all the local community and adds much value to our lives, I would go as far as to say it would impact on the mental health of local residents for this planning application to go ahead. To loose such a space to yet more housing projects in the Redditch Area is unthinkable and simply not viable for many reasons.

The site is subject to a restricted covenant to protect our open green spaces issued October 1990 and the land should only be used for leisure purposes i.e.) Golf Club, country club or leisure centre.

I understand the necessity to build new homes due to a housing shortage however Redditch has already overstretched this and fulfilled its obligation to build new housing up until 2030. You simply cannot place any more pressure on this area as we do not have the infrastructure to cope with another 216 homes.

We have already seen a large development opposite Abbey Stadium with plans in place for a further 800 houses at that site.

Road traffic is already highly congested around the junction of Dagnell End Road and the A441 Birmingham Road. This is a bottle neck and has already been severely hit by the Weights lane development. This development will add approximately 1000 journeys per day, this is a safety issue given there are no plans to improve this junction. School buses regularly have to stop on Dagnell end Road and this poses further risk to children crossing. Hither Green Lane has pinch points throughout the lane, and it is already quite difficult to exit onto Dagnell End Road without the additional 500 plus cars this planning would generate.

Regarding our infrastructure, local schools are already oversubscribed with none in walking distance so new homeowners will need to use cars. Over recent years services at The Alexandra Hospital have been withdrawn for example maternity. Our hospital A & E services are already severely overstretched. There are no Doctors or Dentists within walking distance nor is there any availability at our local practises.

There is also the issue of flooding on this land. The current water and drainage facilities are not sufficient to cater for another 216 homes. Seven Trent are always repairing works at the A441 traffic lights and the road is often flooded. The whole area around the River Arrow is prone to flooding.

We are very lucky to have such green belt in our Town, this environment needs protecting for all the species you will find there, Barn owls, deer and Kingfishers to name a few. The residents have already lost so much green space to the Weights Lane development.

My objections to this planning are for very valid reasons, road traffic, flooding, the environment and the town's infrastructure.

Please do not approve this planning application.

