



Development control
Charnwood Borough Council

23rd February 2021

Dear Planners,
P/20/2380/2 150 houses off Barkby road Queniborough

I write on behalf of BABTAG (Barkby and Barkby Thorpe Parishes Action Group)
BABTAG notes that a similar planning application was rejected by the Plans Committee in 2018 and that the only reason that it has been resurrected is that Charnwood can no longer demonstrate a 5 year housing supply. It is therefore opportunistic and should be rejected again for all the reasons the council gave back in 2018.

BABTAG is concerned that this proposed development would erode the green boundary between the settlements of Syston, Queniborough and Barkby and thereby the rural character of those settlements in particular Queniborough and Barkby. Equally important is the increase in traffic that it will bring to the road between Queniborough and Barkby and the added congestion it will bring to the roads through Barkby and Barkby Thorpe. Traffic levels are already extremely high and have been brought to the attention of County Highways and Charnwood Borough Council. We are also concerned at the pressure 150 additional households will bring on already hard-pressed services such as the local health centres and the local schools. With such a major development as the nearby 4500 houses of the North East of Leicester SUE due to come on stream there should be no need for such opportunistic bids as this application and BABTAG urges the planners to advise that it be turned down again.

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