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Subject: Objection to HS20 Land off Beacon Road
Attachments: Parklands drive Objection.docx

Dear sirs

Please find attached my concerns & objections to the development of land off beacon road for consideration during the consultation period

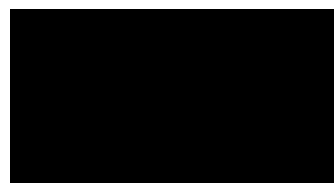
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Objection to development : HS20 Land off Beacon Road

Dear Sirs

I would like to object to the proposed development of HS20 Land off Beacon Road in the Draft Charnwood Local Plan.

I would like to see a restriction put in place to prevent access being gained from Parklands drive & for the lane at the back of the gardens adjacent to the development to be left in its present state to preserve the wildlife currently living there.

My first objection concerns the knocking down of properties on Parklands drive to create an access to the development. This proposal is unacceptable & would increase the traffic on Parklands drive, which is a narrow road already heavily congested with parked cars & daily traffic. We already have to put up with road users dangerously speeding down this road using it as a rat run to avoid the speed bumps & congestion on Park road & a further development will only add to this. I am a cyclist who commutes to work daily, I do not want to be put at greater risk from increased traffic from a new estate trying to negotiate these hazards & adding to them. I have lived on this road over 40 years & the increased risk to safety which this proposal creates concerns me greatly especially as the residents have always allowed children to play safely on the verges & pavements. The increased traffic through put will inevitably lead to all of us being put at greater risk & danger which I strongly object to.

Secondly the lane behind the gardens of parklands drive next to the field is a little wildlife haven which I do not want to see disturbed in any way, in it we have badgers, together with a good variety of birds, small mammals & amphibians. On this point alone I have witnessed in my garden Badgers & I have identified great crested newts using my pond now for several years! Both are protected species, so any development should take into consideration this wildlife & not disturb the existing environment the lane & hedging provides which will allow them to range freely, thrive & survive. So to this end the demolition of adjacent properties to my garden would be unacceptable, it would be too close to this environment creating disruption & danger that would threaten this wildlife.

Thirdly creating an additional access road will only increase the risk of burglaries & theft we as resident face by having back garden leading to the lane next to the proposed development site. This lane has no oversight so anyone can freely wander around without being noticed by anyone, allowing criminal activities to go unnoticed. So a new road will give anyone wanting to pursue this kind of activity easy access & an advantageous location to park any vehicle needed for a swift getaway without being seen.

Finally, the whole business of this application bothers me greatly as I believe William Davis have not been fully open & transparent about their intentions. The planning application cites the development of land off Beacon road which is misleading. Anyone reading this would quite justifiably assume that all works would happen from the beacon road site but as it stands this is not true, it appears they intended to knock down properties on Parklands Drive to create an access road. It is materially different from what could reasonably have been expected from the draft local plan in 2019 & I would not have expected this course of action, so I was really not given the opportunity to object to this during the period of consultation. If the site access where to be from the Beacon road site I would have no objection other than the retention of the lane at the back of parklands drive gardens. It is a bigger road with less congestion than Parklands drive which then feeds into park road a far busier & more congested road than Beacon road. Previous attempts to gain access from beacon road & cross hill lane were rejected on highway grounds, beacon road is much wider than Parklands, so if it is unacceptable to have an access from Beacon road, surely access from Parklands drive would be worse & therefore just as if not more unacceptable.

I realise that this objection is late & falls outside the consultation period, but I sincerely hope it will been taken into consideration seriously in any decisions to be made regarding the planning application for this sight, especially when we consider what I believe to be a less than transparent & open proposal in the draft Charnwood local plan.

Yours sincerely

J Goncalves