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To: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk
Subject: Charnwood local plan

Dear Sir/Madam,

[REDACTED] I am writing to you in response to the Charnwood local plan.

Whilst I understand that due to growing population, development is inevitable to some extent I have concerns particularly around the Village I live in and the surrounding villages.

I moved to Quorn, attracted to its Village status and feel, providing a safe, attractive and appealing environment for my children to grow up. However my concern is that many of the things myself and many residents love about the Village are being lost and we have no consideration when plans are made. Some of the key areas:

Growth of the 'Village' - fast becoming not a Village at all as it slowly starts to join with Mountsorrel and Loughborough. It is already hugely disappointing now driving from Leicester to Loughborough seeing all of the building taking place along the way, before this plan has kicked in. Many areas are being ruined.
Pressure on services - busy school, doctors etc all of which have managed to cope fantastically so far but there will be a limit. We don't want more schools or doctors, we want less houses! There is no room for St Barts school to expand and certainly no parking provision to account for yet more cars in the residential area which is already not safe at school pick up and drop off times. Village parking is a huge issue with residents being unable to use local amenities if they are unable to park. More houses will only contribute to this.
Lack of green space - fewer trees, natural recreational spaces, poorer air quality and limited wildlife habitat are all issues that concern us about on-going infrastructure
Safety - Safety of my children is paramount and the bigger the Village gets the less confined and safe it feels. More traffic will also be driven through the Village making roads less safe and increasing hazardous parking.
Flooding - we already have a substantial flooding issue around the villages, if you continue to build where do you propose the water will go?
House prices - two fold here, firstly statements about affordable housing being built do nothing to help families like myself who need to upsize but cannot move into these houses as they are anything but affordable! I'm also concerned that as the Village expands and loses its Village status, house prices may eventually be driven down.

I could go on...whilst I am in no formal capacity qualified to comment officially on the plan, as a resident of Charnwood for over 20 years I believe I echo the feelings of many families in Quorn and we feel we do not get considered. With so many areas of Leicester/Leicestershire that could be regenerated (derelict buildings, waste ground etc) to meet housing demand it is extremely disappointing that councils are adamant in destroying the lovely areas we do have instead of focusing on and maximising areas that need improvement and could help meet the need in another way.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Batson

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