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To: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk
Subject: Proposed Developments in Thrussington – HA67 and HA68

Dear Sir/Madam,

Proposed Developments in Thrussington – HA67 and HA68

I wish to raise strong objections about the Charnwood Borough Council Draft Local Plan, which proposes to develop areas HA67 and HA68 in Thrussington leading to the construction of 90 new houses, a near 40% increase in the number of dwellings. My objections are:

Sustainability

There is no bus service in Thrussington, which is a key element of Charnwood's Sustainability Assessment.

Thrussington fails to meet other requirements including proximity to a convenience store and a GP surgery, which are both miles away. Will the village utility infrastructure cope with 90 extra houses?

Character

Thrussington is recognised for its historic nucleated form. Our forebears have maintained the cherished character of our village over centuries. The developments would adversely affect this and change the appearance of the village both internally, and when approaching from either north or east. Planning applications for the area of HA68 have failed for this reason before.

Traffic

There could be 180 more vehicles in the village and additional commercial vehicles would serve the developments. The roads are narrow and in the case of Old Gate Road by HA68, single track, with no suitable access to the nearby A46. Parking in the village often means there is only room for one car to pass at a time and obscured views around parked cars already makes driving difficult. More traffic would add further safety concerns. I understand no traffic assessment has occurred so safety, congestion and parking in the village, parish area and near the school have not been considered.

Environment

The proposed developments take no notice of the wildlife corridors identified in the Village Neighbourhood Plan and the draft Charnwood Local Plan does not take this plan into account, even though it was adopted by the Borough Council in 2018.

Thrussington is next to the River Wreake. In wet weather the water runoff that will occur from new developments draining to the river risks overloading the village watercourse system. This has happened before, causing flood damage to homes on The Green.

Summary

For the reasons outlined I consider the draft Charnwood Local Plan proposing developments on the sites of HA67 and HA 68 is **UNSOUND** and wish my objections to be heard at the Public Inquiry.

Yours faithfully,

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