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To whom it may concern,

Please find attached our response to the proposed building of 90 homes in the village of Thrussington,

Regards,

David and Laura Wright

A Response to Charnwood Local Plan 2021 - 37 Thrussington HA67 and HA68

16th August 2021

The following are our comments to the recently published local plan for 90 houses to be built in Thrussington to which we strongly object.

The British Government is due to lead the world summit, Cop26, in Glasgow this year (2021). Over 20 years of reports, studies and vast amounts of scientific research have overwhelmingly concluded that unless something is done urgently, irreversible climate change is inevitable. As leaders of this summit there should be positive action on the part of the UK. **This summit must deliver.**

The proposal to build 90 new houses in Thrussington, which represents a 40% increase in houses, takes very little notice of this agreed advice and would indicate irresponsible leadership.

Environmental.

a. Grassland, meadow and hedgerows are almost as effective in trapping and storing Co2 as woodland. They give bio-diversity, a wildlife haven, produce food and work. **This situation exists**. It will take many years to replace with trees, even if plans exist to do this, which of course they do not.
b. HA 68 is situated on much higher ground than the village of Thrussington. Grass and meadow is an effective means of absorbing heavy rainfall, which is predicted to increase significantly. It slows down run off which inevitably finds it's way to lower ground. At present during heavy rain the existing run off from Old Gate road flows across Seagrave road, down the footpath and tries to enter the culvert that passes underground beneath the village into the river Wreake. This already floods regularly, often engulfing the culvert and through the village. 60 homes, roads, footpaths, block paving, decking with minuscule gardens will only worsen the situation.

Sustainability.

a. There is NO public transport in Thrussington, the nearest bus stop is Rearsby 2.3km. The road frequently floods, the raised footpath is in poor repair, narrow and not accessible for pushchair or wheelchair use. The path is incomplete, crossing the bridge over the Wreake on foot is perilous. The nearest train station is Syston, 7km. No cycle path. Bus and trains are uncoordinated and do not connect.
b. The nearest reliable convenience stores and post office are in Syston which is 6.5km. The nearest town is Melton Mowbray. The only way to get there from Thrussington is by car. It is the nearest NHS medical walk in centre. The railway line passes by Thrussington, Brooksby 1.5km, Rearsby 1km, but sadly the trains don't stop.
c. 90 homes will mean a significant increase in cars (assumption 180), along with grocery, delivery and service vans, will there be 90 parking spaces with electricity supply for charging points? And where is the electricity supply? we already have regular dips in power and outages.
d. Old Gate Road is very narrow, there is not a safe exit onto the southbound A46 and no legal way to to exit North. It is extensively used by large agricultural vehicles. 60 homes with attendant traffic will have to negotiate a very tight almost hairpin bend to access the A46 at the Seagrave road Junction and avoid the already congested village centre. Using Regent Street as an access point for HA68 is also difficult, some would say insane as the exit by the shop and pub is already difficult and there have been accidents at this junction.
e. 30 Homes HA67 (60 vehicles) will have to take a route through the village, past a primary school to reach the A46. The only viable route is again through the already congested village centre. Ratcliffe road is continually congested with parked cars, the road floods and is impassable during winter storms.
f. Vehicles of over 7.5tons are supposed to be excluded from the Seagrave road, although several articulated trucks and large agricultural vehicles regularly take this route and on through the village.

g. There is no children's play area within the village boundary and no provision in this plan for such an area.
h. No green space.
i. 90 homes will struggle with internet and phone signal even if they wanted to work from home. There are few jobs available and this proposal will not bring any unless it is repair work to 90 shoddy, poorly constructed, ill conceived dwellings.

Summary

Without significant investment, re planting a large number of trees to replace loss of grass, meadow and ancient hedgerows, building better drainage with a run off lake. Improvements to public transport and amenity, the already fragile infrastructure will not support this **UNSOUND** plan.

We concur with and support Thrussington Parish Council's response and object in the strongest terms.

David and Laura Wright

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