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To: localplans@charnwood.gov.uk
Subject: Objection to the proposed Houses in Thrussington
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Dear Sirs,

Please find the attached letter objecting to the proposed build.

Kindest Regards

Adam Watts

From Adam Watts

August 2021

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?

There is no playing field or park for the kids to enjoy and unwind

The school currently has to use the village hall for shows and PE as the school is not big enough to have in house, the influx of houses would mean a influx of children where the village hall would not be big enough to cope with demand.

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.

The vehicle already have a influx of cars with the main road leading through the village forcing this road to be a single track road.

There is only one main route in and out of the vehicle which for 6 months of the year food.

Ratcliffe road has cars parked on the road all of the time which again makes this a dangerous road which also would be classed as single track

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,

Adam Watts

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