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

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE. Proposed Developments in Thrussington – HA67 and HA68

Please record this email as a strong objection to 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. Below I have outlined why this proposal is unfit for the area:

Sustainability

1. There is no bus service through the village. This was cancelled in recent years and means that the whole village is reliant on driving cars.
2. There are no doctors, pharmacy or vets in the village
3. We do not have a retailer to buy everyday, affordable food or supplies in the village. The deli provides high end expensive options which are not a sustainable for the average family.
4. There is no recreational park for the children. The closest is in Rearsby. This means that the Green is used for playing and so this point should also be related to my last point in the traffic section.
5. The school does not have capacity. If 20% of the new homes contain new families with primary aged children that would be 18 new children in the school taking it to full capacity. Any more children would need to be driven outside of the village. This increase in children in the village would also risk the upheaval of existing dwellers children who may no longer get their sibling placement in the school due to overcrowding.
6. Electricity. The village suffers from regular electricity cuts (On Saturday 21st August there were more than 4 in just the evening). These have increased since the lockdown which I can only assume is due to more people being at home all day. I do not believe that the current supply of electricity can deliver to any more homes without breaking.

Environment.

1. I understand as per the planning document that it is considered ok to be destroying green belt land therefore I will not push on the point that this is ridiculous considering the latest climate warnings.
2. However I would like to point out that you'll also be forcing all the home owners to use their cars for all their lifestyle needs as there is no public transport or any facilities within the village. Thats 180 new cars driving in and out of the village and polluting the air.

Traffic & parking

The development of Old gate road means that there will be an increase of traffic to and from the village via what is considered one of the most dangerous junctions in Leicestershire. The l**ast fatality was only 3 years** ago and involved two drivers from the village proving that this road causes deaths even when the road is well known. Double the traffic on this road and there will be more accidents like the one 2 years ago seen out side of the shop involving 4 cars.

Access to and from the village is not easy. Below I have listed the problems with each route. In the winter I regularly experience problems getting from the village to my place of work in the town centre due to the flooding

1. Old Gate Road would be required to do a blind 90 degree turn coming onto Seagrave Road.
2. Ratcliffe Road, a rural road which is almost always blocked by parked traffic at the Thrussington end (effectively making it single track all the way)
3. South along Rearsby Road, floods regularly to a deep level which makes it inaccessible (see photo attached)
4. Leaving by Hoby Road, requires traffic to either use Mill Lane (A single lane, high henge road) or to go through Hoby village with a blind turn onto Brooksby Road.

Parking and using the village facilities Every week visitors to the village increase and cars overflow from The Green into Back lane, Church lane and all the surrounding roads from the centre of the village. With the proposed development of 90 houses there's a potential of 180 cars all wanting/needing to drive into or through the village centre creating a HIGH risk of injury to pedestrians especially children as they try to cross the roads between the parked and moving cars to reach the green or travel between houses.

Character

Charnwood and specifically Thrussington is identified as an aspirational and attractive place to live but the reason for this will be destroyed if the character of the village is ruined. The village has retained its form for over a hundred years. It is unique and is becoming a 'one of its kind' in Leicestershire, especially so close to the city centre. The proposed changes would

1. Change the entrance to the village on two routes

2. Ruin the village green which is not designed for high traffic volumes as it still stands as it did over 100 years ago
3. The village currently has a very ‘safe’ feel to it which is good for the residents mental health. This is because everyone knows of each other and we all look out for each other. If this is changed, thefts, vandalism and anti-social behaviour will all increase changing the way the village performs and its character.

This village should be protected rather then developed when there are much more suitable blocks of land.

Final note,

I do not feel that this proposed development has been considered realistically. It’s a simplistic grab of land for greed of people that are not local to this area. The proposal is not in keeping with the facilities nor is it sympathetic to its location. A development of 10 houses may be a benefit to the village but 90 growing the village by 40% feels not only unsustainable but also dangerous.

Please reject these applications.

Regards,

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