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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 as follows :-

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 not nearby. How will the village infrastructure cope with 90 extra houses?

Character

Thrussington is recognised for its historic form. The village has maintained its character over centuries. The development would adversely affect this and change the appearance of the village both internally and when approaching the village from other directions.

Planning applications for the area HA68 have failed for this reason before.

Traffic

There could be an increase of approximately 180 vehicles in the village and additional commercial vehicles which would service the developments. The roads are narrow and Old Gate Road by HA68 is a single track with no suitable access to the A46. Parking in the centre of the village and surrounding main roads out of the village often mean there is room for one car to pass at a time and obscured views of 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 to the school have not been considered. The village roads are also used by cyclists, horse riders and large agricultural vehicles.

Environment

The proposed developments take no notice of the wildlife indentified in the Village Neighbourhood Plan and the draft Charnwood local plan does not take this 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 into the river risks