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Objection to Application No: S/2020/1376/MAO

We cannot understand why there is a further application for new homes on this piece of land. We have lived in the village for the last 6 years. The decision taken to move to a village due to 2000 new homes being built where we lived in Brackley.

The reasons for our objection to this development are listed below:

1. This is outside the boundaries of the village. This has been stated before on previous applications. There is a specific reason why there is a village boundary which is to conserve the rural environment from unnecessary intrusions. Again this is stated in many council documents.
2. Wildlife is very much in abundance in this village and surrounding fields and farmland. You will have done an environmental study I'm sure ,however the impact of building has a lasting impact on wildlife. This is a fact. Our future generations will not experience open green fields and wildlife if you keep building on these spaces.
3. Traffic – again you will have done a study on the current traffic situation through the village. This will of course been done at certain times of the day however this will not be a true representation of what the villagers have to suffer. Blakesley Hill is a death trap. It will only be a matter of time before someone is killed. It is used as a through road to Blakesley Village itself and they are quite entitled to use this road however by adding another 69 homes will generate a minimum of 138 more cars potentially a lot more as families move in and grow up.

4. Traffic – I read in your travel plan objective that you want, and I quote
“To reduce the reliance on the private car and to minimise the number of single occupancy car traffic movements to/from the site; • To encourage the use of sustainable modes of travel, particularly walking and cycling to nearby destinations; • To encourage car sharing between residents of the site by raising awareness of its benefits; • To minimise, where possible, the impact of the site on the local area.”

I find this absolutely absurd that anyone in their right mind would think this is achievable. You cannot expect people to car share. You cannot expect people to travel to work by cycling or walking when their place of work or school is miles away.

5. Amenities – The village has a post office / shop, a butchers, a pub, a health centre and primary school. I have been told many times because we have these amenities this is the ideal place to build. Have developers / planners not learnt anything from other major building mistakes over the years. Just because we have these facilities it does not mean they can sustain anymore residents.
The primary school cannot expand anymore, they don't have the land. The medical centre takes in not just Greens Norton but other villages as well, smaller ones that don't have the same facilities we do. This should not be an excuse to build.
6. Lack of Proven Need for new homes in the village. There are between 2000 and 3000 new homes being built in Towcester approximately 2 miles from Greens Norton where you will find schools, post office, supermarkets, pubs, restaurants and other independent shops. Within the 2 to 3 thousands homes they are building there will be sufficient provisions made for affordable housing. This brings me back to saying there is a lack of proven need for new homes in Greens Norton.
7. My final point is quite simply, people move to villages to have a quiet life to be surrounded by open fields with dog walks and clean air. There comes a point surely enough is enough. This is about greed nothing more. It's not going to enhance the current villagers lives in any way. It will only make it worse so I implore you to decline this application for the benefit of many people and in this day in age we should be more considerate of others.

We strongly object to this application.

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