

## Objection to Planning Application S/2020/1376/MAO

Dear Mr Dix

Regarding the recent application submitted again, I would like to formally object to the proposed development based upon the majority of the reasons that were submitted back in 2016.

Though the proposed development has been reduced again in terms of the number of dwelling, I cannot identify any sustainable benefits to the village or larger community in allowing such a development to be approved.

Current planning policy

The development still contravenes a number of core SNC policies along with the local Plan policy that is current in force. The proposal is also outside of the village boundary.

Sustainability

The impact on local services such as the medical centre and the school have not been thoroughly reviewed. Has the developer discussed whether Greens Norton Primary School is able to cope in terms of space for the influx of children there would be? There is also the impact on Sponne Secondary School that needs to be mentioned which is already under strain from other developments within the local area and no mention has been made in terms of contribution to the local and secondary education infrastructure.

The application also refers to local transportation of people who live here and the location where they work. The local transportation is minimal and unable to provide any sustainable commuting options. The pathway into Towcester via Towcester Road was build and maintained by the local community and even now isn't suitable for young families to use. The Mill Lane exit is even more hazardous for all forms of travel.

Traffic

Since the last application was submitted, the traffic travelling in and through Greens Norton has only increased and continues to be extremely dangerous through Mill Lane and into the High Street, up via Blakesley Hill or onto Towcester Road. This development would only continue to exacerbate the issue. I also do not see any significant changes or benefits regarding the access points in the proposal and how the developer plans to manage this or reduce the volume of traffic throughout the whole village

There would be a detrimental impact upon the operation and safety of the local highway network. The application on this side of the village will result in significant construction traffic coming through an already busy high street with significant impact on the nurseries, school children and the elderly in trying to navigate the high street throughout the day, along with the parked vehicles which are a significant feature of the high street resulting in narrowing of the thoroughfares and great difficulties when encountering oncoming traffic, this development will only serve to exacerbate the problem.

Environmental & Amenities Impact

We have bats frequently flying in our garden along with Green Woodpeckers, whilst Buzzards, Kites, Sparrow hawks and Kestrels can be seen hunting over the sites in question. Foxes, badgers, rabbits, hedgehogs, grass

snakes and small mammals can often be seen, and throughout the evening you can hear the owls nearby. By eroding further countryside on the outskirts of Greens Norton, this will have a significant impact upon the current wildlife which will not be regained in the future.

The village already has wonderful green open spaces that are more centralised, if the developer is suggesting the development requires open spaces is this not because the development will appear isolated and detached from the rest of the village?

This area provides a number of residents with cycling, walking, and horse riding routes and with the increase in traffic, this will be removed.

My last point regards the land usage, this is agricultural land and quoting the SNC Local Plan it states planning permission will not be granted for development in the open countryside unless there are exceptional circumstances and that due to the strong edge of the village. should an application be made it is unlikely to gain officer support.

Therefore, to allow such an application to be approved on agricultural land is surely in contravention of South Northamptonshire Council policies.

A major concern is that by going for the one field initially, if this proposal is given the go ahead it will be only a matter of time before another application is submitted for the second field. By allowing such a development to go ahead will only provide a green light for future planning requests on our village boundaries.

In view of the above points, I can only hope that this application will be rejected

Regards

Francesca Burns