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This development would appear to be outside the village boundary or village confines of Greens Norton. If further development of Greens Norton is to be planned in a coordinated nature this should be in the area between Greens Norton and Towcester where the majority of local facilities are located (shopping cafes restaurants secondary school etc.).

Development at this site would add traffic to the village centre already made hazardous by parking in village centre / Mill lane (as spin in many images in the planning application brochure. Add traffic to confined road space i.e. narrow and in some areas with close buildings and poor visibility driveway access, again as shown in the brochure.

The access proposed to the site adds a third junction in a very short distance on a rural road at the very edge of the village with poor visibility due to bends and rise and fall of the road. The road accesses the main route utilised by traffic from Blakesley as well as other traffic seeking to avoid traffic delays on the major roads of A5 and A43. IF the proposed area is to be developed the safer option would be to develop the current "track" shown as Bury Hill which. currently this is a rough tarmac of only approximately 2.5 m width dining the Blakesley and Bradden roads of Greens Norton.

The vast majority of traffic from this site will pass down the very narrow Blakesley hill to the centre of Greens Norton at the junction of High Street and Towcester road which is already a very dangerous crossing point for pedestrians between the west of the village / Butchers Arms pub and the village shop, church, community centre, doctors surgery etc. as well as a poorly sited junction for High street Mill lane traffic.

Further, any traffic using the Bury hill route to the centre of Greens Norton via Bradden road is compromised severely for site at the junction with High street / Mill lane by parked vehicles one of which is shown in the applicants brochure.

There is no safe public funded access between Greens Norton and local facilities e.g. supermarkets, cafes, bakery etc. and the village facilities are not adequate without travel. The only footpath to Towcester is on the Towcester road (at the opposite side of the village) and that was funded by local appeal and labour after the death of a pedestrian on the Towcester road. The lack of footpath on Mill lane to the Abthorpe road makes any foot traffic hazardous. Further the topography makes Mill lane dangerous for slower wheeled traffic (especially cycles) as per the death of a "moped" rider at the united hump back bridge over a now non existent railway.

New developments mean new families and thus school age children. Despite the village being within a two mile radius of the local school for secondary age pupils. This will add to the requirement for transport UNLESS safe access is incorporated into the village plan. This could be negated by a footpath on a completely new route from the southwest of Greens Norton to Towcester, preferably to footpath at Tove Wetland Park which would then offer direct access to Sponne School without any contact with motorised traffic but funding would need to be incorporated into any current / future village development.