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Dear Sirs

I have been unable to use the response form on your website as it will not download properly on my PC. I understand that the Hampton Magna Action Group have enquired with you and you have confirmed that you will accept letters of objection if people are unable to use the online form. If this is not correct then please let me know before the end of the consultation period.

I am writing with reference to the proposed changes to the Housing Plan in Hampton Magna, specifically the intention to build on the field next to Lloyd Close and Daly Avenue on "H51" and the increase of housing in "H27".

I strongly oppose the proposed changes and was shocked to hear news that has come as a complete surprise to many. I have owned my home in the village for 3 years with my 3 young children, the eldest of which attends Budbrooke School.

I of course understand the need for more housing and having 3 young children want them to be able to be home owners when they are older however the long term issues this will cause to the village and surrounding areas will far outweigh any benefits, the plan cannot possibly be considered as sound. Being residents of the village we experience on a daily basis already existing issues which will only be exacerbated by the proposed changes;

- The access roads to Hampton Magna are very poor and not fit for purpose as it is. Especially the amount of traffic that now comes through the narrow roads of Hampton on the Hill, roads that were not built to handle the amount of traffic passing. Cars are always speeding through and use it as a shortcut to/from the train station Longbridge roundabout. This is going to become even more of a problem as cars are more likely to enter the village from this direction (as opposed to past the train station) due to the changes in the plans.
- The parking at the local shops is awful and becoming dangerous, people park behind the allocated spaces outside the shops and on the curbs, and blocking the pavements. The facilities are already overstretched. Buses also struggle to get past the shops and I have seen them stuck on several occasions when school parking/residents parking has blocked access.
- You will already be aware of the huge issue of parking at the school, which again has become dangerous with a number of near accidents involving pupils at the school. It is particularly a problem down Woodway Avenue which is where it appears the intention is to make an access road to 100+ house. So that is roughly, say, 150 more cars passing this road and many trying to park for the school? This issue is worsened still by the fact that many commuters use the village as a car park



(including many of the spaces on Style Close for the School) and then walk to the train station.

- We understand that Mayne Close and Minster Close may also be being considered as an access road to the potential new houses? Regardless of the season there is a constant stream of people coming down Mayne Close to walk their dogs and take their children around the fields. Children from the nearby houses on Chichester Lane also constantly play and bike around the close. I can only assume that the stile will be removed and access will no longer be available at the end of the close? Whilst to the people reading this that will be of no concern it is incredibly sad to many, many, people in the village and will impact on the feeling of community. The roads that lead to Mayne and Minster and tight and cluttered by parked cars (often on the corners of junctions) they are completely unsuitable for access.
- The traffic to get in and out of the village is becoming worse every passing year. The roads are now used as a shortcut to the train station and cut through from Birmingham Road to the M40. Trying to get out of the village, especially at rush hour, is a nightmare and if there is any kind of problem on the M40 or A46 the access roads become gridlocked. This has happened several times over the last few weeks when there have been accidents on the M40 or A46.

Like I said we do understand the need for further housing however there are 2 huge estates being developed in the area, surely the priority should be extending them before an existing village? Especially one which is already overstretched in terms of amenities and access. There was a huge amount of land for sale off Hampton Road, surely this has been considered?

Like many other people we bought our house knowing that planning had been refused in the field by Daly Avenue, for very valid reasons. We were confident and hadn't given any thought that less than 3 years later the position would completely change. Please can you confirm what has changed in this short space of time that means you now think it is acceptable and appropriate to build in this field that is greenbelt land? Also how can it make sense to build on greenbelt land before you have considered land available through compulsory sale? I would imagine this is because it is considerably cheaper than to commence the likely legal action needed to obtain such land, even if it is more suitable.

Can I please urge you to consider the residents' views. We know the village better than anyone. I am writing because the changes to the proposals are going to make the village unrecognisable and have a massive impact upon and upheaval on the residents, the school and surrounding areas. The proposed changes are in no way an efficient use of the existing infrastructure and are not sound, or in my view compliant.

Your sincerely

