## Comment for planning application 21/00500/OUT

**Application Number** 21/00500/OUT

Location

Land North Of Railway House Station Road Hook Norton

**Proposal** 

Erection of up to 43 new homes, access from Station Road and associated works including attenuation pond

**Case Officer** 

Wayne Campbell

**Organisation** 

Name

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**Address** 

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**Type of Comment** 

**Type** 

neighbour

Comments

We live in Railway House which is directly opposite the proposed site on Station Road. In the past few years at least 150 dwellings have been built in Hook Norton which has seen the pressure on roads and local services (school, doctors' surgery, broadband etc) increase to a point which is not acceptable and has already had a detrimental effect. Broadband speeds can be slow, mobile phone reception can be poor, roads get congested and are damaged, the doctors' surgery is at capacity as is the school. Adding a further 43 dwellings can only add to the pressure and cause further detriment to the infrastructure and character of the village. Living on Station Road means we experience all the passing traffic and although we are within the village 30mph speed limit area a great deal of traffic which passes our house is exceeding the speed limit. This poses a risk for traffic entering and leaving the new development and to pedestrians. The increased traffic will put further strain on the village roads which are already at capacity. The roads through the village are narrow and twisty and there are already many potholes. The village already suffers from excessive congestion from delivery lorries and vans and due to the volume of cars. The site is a greenfield site which is very different in character to the Stanton engineering brownfield site behind us which was developed into houses a few years ago and to which we did not object. From our house we see a considerable amount of wildlife such as deer, badgers, skylarks, bats and owls where the new housing is planned. The development of this land will damage the wildlife in this area. Local footpaths are already being damaged by the amount of walkers. We regularly see evidence of erosion and damage to the paths, fences and stiles are broken or damaged and the amount of dog mess and litter continues to increase. Farmers with sheep have problems with dog walkers not controlling their dogs resulting in sheep worrying etc. The residents of this development will only add further pressure to the footpaths and cause more damage and problems. The Hook Norton neighbourhood plan 2014-2031 allows for developments of no more than 20 dwellings where no more than 20 dwellings are built in one location. This plan clearly goes against that, which is unacceptable. Nigel and Julie Evans

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