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**URGENT.**

**To whom it may concern;-**

I would like to object to the above mentioned planning, for 120 houses to be built adjacent to Ploughley Road, Ambrosden.

1) According to the "new" plans, the builder wants to put a footpath from these houses, pulling down trees & bushes that have housed wildlife over so many years. These trees & bushes, & indeed the lands that they want to encroach upon, belongs to the Ambrosden Residents Association & have been regularly maintained by them for ALL the years from when the aforesaid Association bought them from the Ministry of Defence. Most of these trees have protection identifying plaques on them. As an established bridle path, horses regularly use this & could be spooked by more pedestrians etc.

2) **Ambrosden is a village, not a town.** The population has more than doubled in recent years. **There is NO doctors' surgery, & hasn't been for a very long time,** though the application states otherwise. This will mean additional trips to Bicester. The public house, The Turners Arms in the village, is rarely open & does not serve food & is limited to bottles/cans only. There is a Primary School only, that cannot cope with the number of pupils that it presently has.

3) The builders agents presume that each household will have one car. As you can observe from previous building within Ambrosden in Briar Furlong & Spring Farm, this is not so. There are inadequate shops in the village to sustain the population thus making it essential for trips to shops etc. Maybe ordering supplies from Supermarkets would help but this would bring bigger & more heavier vehicles into the area.

4) There is NO right turn out of the village onto the A41, so no route towards Aylesbury without going towards Bicester first.

5) Ambrosden's very small roads are used as a "rat run" by traffic travelling from Oxford to Bicester via the A41 & via Blackthorn to various villages towards Aylesbury. These roads are already in desperate need of repairs. A 20mph speed limit throughout the village has been implemented but is rarely adhered to. Police, in their previous objections stated that more houses, in this village, would make it unpatrollable. The Parish Council are being bombarded with residents complaining on the amount of traffic already using these inadequate roads. Lorries from farms etc add to the congestion onto the A41 via Ploughley Road that this application wants to put more traffic onto.

Surely, **if** any more houses need to be built, these should be built to the West of Bicester thus taking the strain off the need to enter Bicester via the controversial London Road Railway crossing & the A41 that has already sustained an incredible amount of damage from HS2 & East /West rail construction traffic.

Regards,

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