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**Subject: Sibford Action Group communication (please confirm that you received this email.)**

Dear Tobias and the team at Land and Partners,

On behalf of the Sibford action group, as their secretary, I would like to thank you for your communication over concerns that the villagers have regarding the application for planning development on Hook Norton road 18/01894/OUT.

It is the size and scale of this development that concerns the villagers. It is clear that this site with 25 houses has an access road to a second site with potential for another 20 houses and therefore sets a precedent for future development.

 This is not in accordance with the villagers wishes as shown by the 74 well written letters of objection posted on the CDC site. In a village of this size I am sure that you understand that this equates to a large population of the village?

The Sibford Action group is formed of a core group of concerned villagers and we have been well supported by both the Ferris and Gower village parish councils.

We cannot share email addresses due to data protection and I am sure that you are aware of this. Many villagers have contacted us directly and asked how they can support our concerns.

We are open to discussion and are not opposed to small scale, appropriate development that is sustainable in accordance with policy and meets the needs expressed in the Sibford local plan.

In a recent email to us you acknowledged concerns about the traffic and said "we estimate that most of the traffic will travel south on Hook Norton Road and not come through the village." Those travelling to Banbury train station or the M40 at the Gaydon junction will turn left and go through the village. Also, as most of the amenities are in the Gower ( the primary school, village hall etc ) many people will need to pass through the village to reach them with narrow roads, few footpaths, bad lighting and congested traffic including school buses etc.

We acknowledge the highway authority comments but still have grave concerns about the traffic. This point was echoed in a letter to the case officer, Bob Neville, by the headmaster of Sibford Friends school particularly expressing concern for the safety of the students.

As I mentioned before, we are happy to engage in conversation, however, the fundamental objections remain the same.

We hope you have a good Christmas and will no doubt be hearing from you in the New Year.

Katherine ( Secretary for The Sibford Action Group.)