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In addition to my letter dated 17 March, I would like to add:

A) Photo of last summers juvenile bat grounded by bench at North boundary. Image is data tagged by date and location as evidence.

B) to point 5: The issue of ACCESS.

The lack of footpaths, and space to create footpaths, means there is a serious danger to people walking from their houses up to Waterswallows Road and we should be encouraging people to walk into town rather than use cars. Extra cars exaggerates this risk of accident.

The entry point of the lane onto Waterswallows is probably at the most dangerous point on the entire road due to the bend. Additional cars exiting here will only increase risk of another serious accident.

C) The issue of FLOOD RISK.

The additional flood risk caused by covering the track with tarmac and creating further water run-off is another issue. As is the creating of more water infiltration into land further up above this lane by the proposed development.

D) The issue on HISTORICAL IMPORTANCE TO BUXTON.

The land owned by Mr Sergeant once formed part of the Grade II Listed Dakin Cottage. This 16th century cottage is one of the oldest buildings in Buxton with an extremely important history. The original footprint of the dwelling should be protected in its entirety or else it will be a slice of Buxton history swamped and imposed over by a 21st century blight. Who know what the field contains as part of a 16th century farm holding??

The Dakin family is linked to 14th Century branches in Chelmorton and Biggin Grange and the cottage owner William Dakin was granted trustee of Fairfield Church in a charter of 1584 by Queen Elizabeth 1 who also awarded the family coat of arms as seen on the wall at the property. I have much literature on this history given to me by the last remaining descendant from this Dakin branch. Did you know that a later Dakin descendant living in the house was a coffee merchant and his wife invented the cafetiere? The families history is intertwined with Elizabethan history and the protection of the parish and church in Fairfield. To take bulldozers to the land that belonged to the house until recently would shock historians and conservationists. The land should never have been separated from the house – it was purely for future monetary gain with no consideration of the affect on this important historical building.

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