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Application Reference No. : HPK/2022/0350 Site Address: New Mills Football Club Church Lane New Mills
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Submission: Objection

Comments: I have 2 main concerns with this proposal - the traffic, which is glossed over, and the loss of the astroturf facility, which the developer has clearly lied about on this application.

If 20 houses are to be built it is likely this will contribute 30 to 40 cars per day, not the 10 as stated. Church Lane is already quite busy and at school and church times it is gridlocked. This development will clearly make things worse.

It is also somewhat bizarre that the impact on parking for the football club is not mentioned. On a matchday the car park is always full, yet it appears this is being sold with no alternative parking proposed.

Last season the club averaged over 150 per game and the highest crowd was almost 600. It is not just supporters - players from both sides drive as do the officials from both clubs plus the match officials. This is usually 20 cars before any supporters turn up.

If alternative parking is proposed this should be covered in the application and i can see no mention of it.

I am also concerned that the astroturf pitch is being removed. In the application it is described as tennis courts that are rarely used and alternative facilities are available a few hundred yards away at the cricket club. This is a lie. The astroturf pitch has always been used as a football pitch, as the club is a football club. It is used most evening of the week and when i was at the game last weekend (Sat 15th Oct) there were kids playing on it during the game. I believe it is the only all weather football pitch in the town and also benefits from having floodlights. I believe all the New Mills Junior teams (from aged 8 to 18, so 200 kids) use these facilities during the winter period as there are no alternative facilities during these months.

I agree that the facilities have not been well maintained, however, i note that planning permission was submitted 2 years ago to resurface this facility (HPK/2020/0397) so this would indicate that the club was keen to improve it. It is now claim it is not used and is surplus to requirements.

If the astro pitch is to be ripped up what alternative facilities will there be in the town?

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