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Site Address: LAND REAR OF 74 AND 76 Queens Road Fairfield Buxton Derbyshire

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Submission: Objection

Comments: We fundamentally oppose these plans.

This is an important green space in an already built up location. Such a development would negatively impact the area on many accounts - not least the extra noise and traffic congestion, plus significantly reduced privacy. This is extremely unfair for all of the residents already here, and the same issues described would surely make it unappealing for any potential new residents of the proposed properties too.

This spot is a small green haven for nature in a built up area. In addition to the horses which are usually grazing there, it is a home & feeding area for a plethora of wildlife, including bats, owls, bees and, notably, swifts - a bird already on the Red List for Conservation Concerns. As a town in the heart of the Peak District, we should be prioritising local wildlife as much as we can, and respecting the peace that current residents have sought by choosing this specific area for that very reason. We know that ourselves and our neighbours share a passion for nature, and the peace of this particular location is what drew all of us to it. This small field provides one of the few remaining reminders of this part of the town's farming history in a landscape which has already seen such vast change. It is a crucial part of the area's character which gives it unique appeal, rather than filling it with rows of more rooftops.

Furthermore, access to this land does not seem sufficient to support the additional vehicles that such a large number of planned properties would inevitably bring. Amongst other logistical issues, it is worrying to think how any emergency services would efficiently reach homes on this small plot with such restricted access.

There are currently hundreds of new houses being built in Buxton and, as a result, fields and natural wild spaces are depleting and there are increased strains on the town's infrastructure. One would hope that the other large scale housing developments already taking place are addressing any needs for additional property in the area, without the requirement for small green spaces like this to be unnecessarily lost too. This particular planning application does not seem to take into consideration what is in the best interests of the town at all, and the motivations and purpose behind it should be questioned. It is difficult to see any genuine need for this development in this particular part of Buxton.

We sincerely hope that the concerns of people who actually reside here will be seriously listened to.

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