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Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Sikander Ali Arshad and I am resident of the above address for the last 11 years.

I am writing regarding the proposed development of Endon Riding School and my reasoning for it not to go ahead.

I am currently a General Practitioner in Kidsgrove/Chesterton. New housing to be built requires local amenities such as medical resources at a nearby location, something I am very passionate about. From own experience with my patients, these amenities should be in walking distance or where direct public transport service is available. In our locality, to get to the nearest surgery is walking along the country roads, are dangerous and unpaved, carrying a significant risk. For the vulnerable (elderly and children), walking to the nearest surgery is impossible and dangerous. Cars travel at high speeds and often two cars cannot fit down the road at one time. My own son, who is disabled, has firsthand experience of this. Therefore this is something I am very passionate about. Added to this,

currently GP resources are stretched anyway and I wonder whether Endon GP services will accept new patients.

From 2005 to 2011, I was a governor at Endo high school within the catchment area for the proposed development. This school, one of the highest academically achieving within our locality, is densely oversubscribed. Education is a fundamental right to every child, yet pushing an increasing number of children in a school that has even undergone recent budget cuts (numerous staff being laid off), will add further burden. The nearest other high school is Holden Lane, 3 miles away on the busy Leek Road, but creating housing estates in schools unwilling to accept to students is inappropriate.

The addition of numerous dwelling will further undoubtedly add to further traffic on Stanley road. Number of times my own wall has been hit due to heavy traffic in the region, something I have to pay for myself.

The junction between Stanley Road and Stanley Moss lane is a great concern. Already, the junction itself is highly dangerous. There have been numerous crashes onto my stone wall (that borders the junction) and two years prior, an incident occurred where a car hit a horse that broke its leg. The risk to pedestrians is severe and I dread to think of more cars potentially hitting passers by. Something must be done about this and adding new cars onto this junction will only make this worse. Revised planning has not made any amendments to this.

Finally, the wildlife within our region is highly diverse and something we should strive to maintain. The moss grass surrounding the riding school is home to various reptiles (grass snakes, lizards) and a bio-diverse array of wildlife. This has been failed to be documented in the planning reports and should not go forward without proper consideration.

In conclusion, we are highly against any proposed development of housing at this site. We believe it's inappropriate given the locality and highly unsafe. Although we have a need for housing in the country, this should not be done with risks and in areas that shall disrupt significantly upon our landscape. This proposed development unfortunately, does both.

Yours Faithfully

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