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Mr P D DAVIES,

BROWN EDGE,

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To the officer in charge
of planning applications 0523
Planning Number SMD/2016/0523

Dear Sir or Madam,

We wish to bring to your attention our major concern of the proposed development of the field off the Syke road, behind our houses on High Lane and adjacent to the playground.

It is in the heart of the village and is completely surrounded by Public Council land.

The proposed housing development of Twenty Five houses sent into you do not take into account the sever typography of the site.

It is very steep along the length of it down into a small valley, which is boggy 80% of the year, it releases its water down the steep long raised side of the field into a small brook and a marsh that has been there for ever, plus 50 years as we know, this little stream then runs into the Trent at Norton Green, it now has no access unless it is allowed to be crossed by the Council which owns all the land around it, (THE FIELD)

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The site plan does not take into account the severe drop into the field for an access road or that it is shown to exit onto a sharp bend rising up an other steep lane going to St Anns Vale.

The other forced entrance into the steep field also crosses public land aside of the Syche lane was used, this entrance is very dangerous double S bend in a steep hollow in Syche lane.

It therefore is a very inappropriate site for buildings, there is land around the edge of the village more suitable for development.

This field is in the centre of the Village of Brown Edge and should be retained as designated PUBLIC OPEN SPACE by the Leek Council many years ago for the full benefit of all the people in the village.

Others have a duck pond in the centre of many English villages, ours happens to be important natural habitat and marsh of special importance to all people & wild life.

Another Major objection to building is the gross infestation of KNOTWEED which is much greater area than which as been cordoned off, the plan takes no account of this as many of the proposed houses are situated directly on them.

The marsh also as houses shown on it

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We therefore propose that the ill conceived Plan for 25 houses shoe forced into this field, (which should be protected) is unfit for decent housing.

The Environment Agency should be informed by the local Council for special protection status.

In conclusion the land in my opinion and others is unfit for properly constructed houses, but, would make a great Nature reserve in the heart of the village owned by Confraternity Perchase order as it has been neglected for 35 years plus and had reverted back to nature before being vandalised and left in a untidy state cutting down trees that we were informed ~~were~~ that there was preservation orders on them by a council official

I also have lists of wild life that uses the field every year, and should be protected.

Yours Sincerely