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In the age of climate change we should be looking at ways to decrease the amount of emissions and air pollution in the village and not adding to it by increasing traffic flow on an already congested road and by taking away much needed green belt in the area. The residents of Werrington already know how difficult it is getting up and down Ash Bank and around Cellarhead at peak times such as rush hour and school times and so the suggestion of adding to that congestion with additional cars and homes in the area is just madness and not at all sustainable for a village this small. Cheap, aesthetically unpleasing, by numbers housing isn't the answer here when we should be looking for ways to preserve and conserve the little remaining green belt we have left in the village now whilst also looking for ways to improve on the facilities we already have in the village that need funding and expanding on instead.

My main concern, just like many other people living in Werrington, is the additional strain that these new homes and occupants of said housing are going to put on local facilities that service the entirety of the village e.g. Our doctor's surgery, our schools and local dentist surgery and how this will impact the residents currently living in Werrington long term. It's already common knowledge in the community how difficult it is to get a doctor's appointment or be seen in person by a GP due to the lack of capacity and facilities here. It's almost impossible on some occasions to even get through to speak to someone on the phone at Werrington Surgery because they're already so overwhelmed by the number of people living here now and that's only going to get worse with an additional 150-300 residents moving in to compete with based on the proposed plans for 75 additional houses in the area.

One school has already been knocked down and repurposed for more housing when it was claimed that there wasn't enough children living in the village to justify two school sites any longer and so the infants school wasn't required anymore but if that's the case then where are all of these new children moving into the village going to attend school? We already know our local schools are challenged for places and classrooms are at capacity with the teachers at Werrington Primary School and Moorside High School already being overworked with the amount of children they have in their classes to educate presently. Another strain on resources that we can't afford when it comes to the wellbeing of residents already residing in the village.

As previously stated, there are already too many cars on the road in Werrington and at peak travel times this makes getting in and out of Oak Mount Road incredibly difficult due to the congestion and backed up traffic on

Ash Bank. Something that as a resident of that street concerns me greatly and this will likely only get worse given the proposed entrance to the new estate and make getting in and out of Oak Mount Road and Johnson Avenue as well even more difficult when both are already a nightmare to navigate at busy times of the day when it comes to the amount of traffic on the roads and with the new housing this is only going to further increase.

Given the preposterous location of the proposed housing estate and its surrounding locale, nobody with young children or young families are going to want to raise their children in that kind of environment or live next door to, have their back gardens backed onto and their bedroom windows overlooking a youth offenders centre that is writhing with foul language and inappropriate behaviour that will be seen and heard at all hours of the day from there and can't be ignored. Not exactly the ideal environment to raise a family in, is it?

While on the topic of bad behaviour, it is also safe to say that the anti-social behaviour is also likely to increase in the village as well with new families moving in that have bored teenagers since there's nothing really to do here for younger people. The village is already blighted with this problem and the police and local council are unable to do anything about it to protect the residents in the village that are most affected by said bad behaviour coming from the large gangs of unsupervised teenagers hanging around who are purposely intimidating people, jumping out in front of cars in the dark and causing vandalism around the village.

It is more than apparent that no thought or consideration has been taken at all for the residents already living nearby the proposed site and have done for years and how it will affect them, the decreased value of their homes that were there first once construction is complete, the sightlines around their properties, wildlife already living in and occupying the area, the invasiveness of construction and the noise it will bring to the affected areas or the added strain it will put on local resources like our GP surgery and schools. It's clear the council are only interested in one thing when it comes to this new housing estate and it certainly isn't the quality of life or wellbeing of the people already living in Werrington that much is obvious.

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