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The planned buildings will impact on the village in a number of ways. Parking is already at a premium and removing parking to allow for the entrances to the three new houses will impact considerably. Although there is a car park situated on Mill Lane just before the school this has only a few spaces and has two aspects of concern. It is poorly lit; the street light opposite shines down, as it should, but therefore the light does not penetrate into the car park. The area is also further obscured by trees, lovely as they are, they make it an area with virtually no light and no visibility from the road. The garages there have had a number of break-ins as they are an easy target due to the lack of visibility noted above.

Although there have been discussions with the village hall committee regarding the use of their car park, they have explained that the car park cannot be fully used by the residents in the long term because of its responsibilities to those visiting the hall and so this is not a viable solution to the problem.

There is also a concern around emergency rear access for the houses behind the proposed buildings. Currently there is access to the rear of the houses albeit through the private land. In the event of an emergency, emergency vehicles could access the rear of numbers 27 and 29. However, once the new houses are built it appears that any access in an emergency would not be possible.

As more planning for housing is granted, the council needs to consider the village and its infrastructure as a whole and address the issues that arise from increased population. They are not just creating housing, the development impacts as noted above, increasing problems with parking for residents; it also adds to the increasing traffic on the already busy A520. This is a narrow road with many cars, HGVs and other traffic using it as a main road north. Frequently HGVs have to negotiate each other to get around bends through the village. More housing will increase traffic further so the council needs to take into consideration improvement of the infrastructure and facilities for residents as they grant permissions for new houses.

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