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Comments: I would like to object to the planning application SMD/2021/0694 on the following points.

The traffic on Ash Bank (A52) is already heavy, adding at least another 160 cars (Two per property on average) is going to add to the problem. This is also an environmental concern to residents due to the amount of carbon emitted when the cars are stationary at peak times. We should be trying to reduce the number of vehicles not add to them.

I appreciate the need for affordable housing but there are large areas of land in and around the City Centre that could be used to fulfil that requirement. Empty factories left to deteriorate could be used to create affordable properties with some character that eludes to the area's past. Adding properties in the city would also mean less commuting as there simply are no opportunities for mass employment in Werrington so all new residents would need to travel.

The Doctors surgery and Schools are at capacity with families living in Werrington having to send their children to other parts of the City as local places are not available.

My main concern against the development is the environmental impact. From other responses, you can clearly see the area is of interest to wildlife with various species making it their home. We should be encouraging these wild sites to help the already suffering wildlife in the village as opposed to driving them further away. The plans show trees would need to be felled in order to create secondary access roads. Again another loss of habitat. You could argue that the trees will be replaced, but small saplings will not really make much difference to the increase in carbon and the habitat a large tree will offer to numerous species that live within its branches.

I feel consideration should be given to other alternatives that use land that has already been developed as opposed to destroying yet more of our dwindling countryside.

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