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To: Planning Comments (SMDC)
Subject: Strong Objection to Planning Application SMD/2023/0611 – Kiln Lane Development

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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the planning application (MD/2023/0611) made by Mr. Lyndon Stonier for a detached dwelling and conversion of an existing agricultural building to ancillary residential use on Kiln Lane.

My objections are centred on several key issues:

1. **Detriment to Local Skyline and Character:** The proposed development, due to its elevated position, would starkly alter the current skyline and the scenic charm of the area. Our community greatly values the existing skyline, and the introduction of a higher structure would disrupt the visual appeal that residents, dog walkers, and others cherish in our countryside.
2. **Safety and Traffic Concerns on Kiln Lane:** The expected increase in traffic from the construction and new dwelling poses a significant safety hazard. Kiln Lane, characterised by its narrowness and rough terrain, is frequently used by dog walkers, children, and cyclists. The additional traffic would undeniably escalate the risk to these groups.
3. **Noise and Light Pollution:** The tranquillity of our neighbourhood is threatened by the prospective noise from the construction and the new dwelling. This intrusion could seriously diminish the quality of life for nearby residents. Furthermore, potential light pollution from the development could adversely affect both the local community and wildlife.
4. **Impact on Nearby Properties:** The development poses a particular threat to the tranquillity and privacy of properties on Oakwood Road and in the Westwood area. The proximity of these homes to the proposed site means they would face direct visual, noise, and light disturbances, greatly impacting the enjoyment of their living spaces.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge you to reject the planning application (MD/2023/0611). I implore you to consider the well-being of our community and the preservation of our cherished natural environment.

Your attention to these concerns is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Janet and Anthony Thornton

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