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To: planning <planning@boston.gov.uk>
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Dear Mr Carrington

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed housing development in our neighbourhood. Whilst I understand the need for affordable/private housing, I believe that this project would have a detrimental impact on our community.

The land being used for this development is Grade 1 Agricultural Land. We live in the food basket of the county and to build on Grade 1 double cropping land is unacceptable. 17.5% of the site is allocated space. Who will maintain this? Is there any provision of a play area for the children?

The plans suggest two entrances/exits which would make three openings including Rider Gardens onto Whitehouse Lane all within a very close proximity. One already problematic with vehicles pulling out onto Whitehouse Lane without looking to see if there is any oncoming traffic. There is also the mini roundabout at the top of Whitehouse Lane where over the years there has been accidents and some very near misses again where people do not recognise their right of way. This housing project has potential for another one hundred plus vehicles coming out onto an already busy lane. Since the Havenside Business Park on Fishtoft Road now has local businesses operating from there, the heavy vehicle traffic has increased significantly.

I note that the Environmental Agency has confirmed that this site lies within an area classified danger to all, with flood depth of one to two metres. Our insurance policies are already excessive as we are in a potential flood area. With this project including affordable housing, my concern is how residents will be able to afford these high policies. Dykes to the north and east are essential as the area is prone to flooding. To comply with flooding I notice that the properties are being built up with steps which prevent people with a disability having a property and also a danger to families with children. How does someone with a pram access the property? These houses are being built to protect their occupants against flooding but what about existing residents down the lane? We have already had to have the air blocks moved higher on our property as a number of years ago we experienced flooding.

The proposed houses are simply not appealing with no character and more suitable with city properties and not of those which is still essentially a semi rural location.

Public transport is not brilliant. Whilst I acknowledge there are shops within easy reach by vehicle there is little else to offer in Fishtoft for families and children.

Thankyou for your attention in this matter.

Yours Faithfully

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