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Subject: Proposed Housing Development off Red Lane, Appleton

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I am led to believe by a group of neighbours that there is a proposal to build approximately 500 new houses adjacent to Red Lane. I cannot find any evidence of an application on your website so it is possible that this is merely a rumour. If not, however, I would like to register my opposition to the plan.

My house, [REDACTED] overlooks the fields where some houses would be built. I certainly have no objection on that basis and it would be churlish and parochial to complain about the view being spoiled. My concern is simply about access and traffic on Red Lane itself.

As you will know there is a single lane hump back bridge over the Bridgewater Canal at the bottom of Red Lane. It is a well known pinch point not least due to on road parking on Whitefield Road. It is difficult to use the bridge at the best of times, but at rush hour and particularly during the school run, it is positively dangerous. To compound that problem Red Lane narrows to one lane one hundred meters up from the bridge at the junction with Birchdale Road. This is another pinch point which effectively clogs the whole road up and is caused by housing being so close to the road, so not easily rectified.

The traffic for several hours a day during school term time has to be seen to be believed and to add to it would be a major problem in the area. I appreciate that traffic will find its own way but with the problems in Stockton Heath and over the Ship Canal in the area, Red Lane has become a popular route. More houses mean more traffic and more congestion in an already busy place.

I will make no comment about the use of green belt and a beautiful area for walking, nor about the flood plain. I would simply urge consideration of the traffic issue as a major problem and ask that a thorough survey is done in advance of any progress being made on the application.

Yours Faithfully,

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