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Subject: Development proposal in Stockton Heath

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to oppose plan for a development of around 500 houses in Stockton Heath, behind westbourne road and cranleigh close (wa46se area). As a local resident I feel very strongly that this development will negatively affect the village of Stockton Heath. As all local residents will agree, these houses will not be aesthetically pleasing to those overlooking them - but my concerns go beyond this issue.

Firstly, Stockton Heath/Walton has the perfect balance between rural and village lifestyle, with many shops and restaurants as well as lovely countryside and untouched landscapes. I feel that by building on the areas of rural beauty we are taking away what people love about the area.

Another concern is with the roads and access around the proposed site. Red lane is a small road which has a single lane over the small bridge. With this road being so close to the proposed site of 500 houses, this could mean a potential of an extra 1000 cars at minimum per day travelling through these small country style lanes. For this reason I feel this development is being placed in an area which is not fit for purpose.

Furthermore, there is the concern of primary and secondary school places. Stockton Heath primary school is in close proximity of this development, and with this school already being competitive for places, the development will put extra pressure on the existing families fighting for a place in the local school.

When Stockton Heath is mentioned on sites such as rightmove, it is always referred to as "the sought after location of Stockton Heath". Stockton Heath is loved for the way it is now, let's not ruin it.

Thank you,

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