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Land north of Top House Farm Mews, Fairburn

I am writing with my concerns to building more houses in Fairburn. I live in a property called _____ which is situated on Piper Hill and backs on to a field that has been suggested for housing development.

My worries broadly fall into 4 categories:-

Traffic

A large housing development would significantly increase the amount of traffic that would travel through the village and this would have a detrimental effect on the village. This is largely because there is little/no employment in the village and a complete lack of public transport, local amenities such as shops, chemist, Dr surgery etc so all village residents are forced to drive a car. The village roads are ill equipped to deal with significant traffic and Gauk St, in particular, can only cope with single lane traffic due to the parked cars for residents. Currently there is daily congestion here.

Drainage

The field in question currently absorbs most of the rainfall which would most certainly become run-off if housing were to be allowed here due to the massive increase in roofs, driveways, roads etc. This would directly affect Piper Hill and the properties down hill from the field. Already, in wet weather, there is noticeable water running down Piper Hill. If this were to increase further it would also have an effect on the road at the bottom as well as properties along The Cut. In very cold weather there is the additional problem of icy surfaces which would make the roads here treacherous.

Wildlife

I regularly hear owls which use this field for hunting and feeding at night and my concern would be that this would disappear once the habitat changed from Greenfield to an urban development. Clearly this would have a detrimental effect on all bird and wild life in the area. I believe that the Ings alongside the surrounding area are significantly important to the amount and variety of bird life in the whole area and this must be preserved at all costs.

Integrity of the Village

At the moment the village is a desirable place to live with its peaceful and green surroundings and a community feel. If the boundaries of the village were to spread this would be compromised and lose the village feel that is currently enjoyed.

Recently there have been 2 property developments in the village, Cross Farm and Robert's Close. I think that continuing to fill in spaces within and beyond the village boundaries would not be in the best interest in the village for the reasons I have already stated.

My property would completely lose any privacy in the back garden and I fear would drop in value as it would most certainly be a less desirable place to live. I've been resident her for more than 2 years and I would not like to see all the positive features of the village that initially attracted me here to disappear.

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