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Hi Tim,

Council met last week and agreed to submit an objection to the planning application 24/00828/REM (Re-consultation).

Please can you accept the following comment:

Stanton under Bardon Parish Council strongly objects to this application. The development remains contrary to key planning policies and raises significant unresolved concerns about infrastructure, environmental impact, and public safety. The Parish Council urges Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council to reject this application until these issues are fully addressed.

1. Settlement Boundary

The Parish Council reiterates its objection based on the fact that the site lies outside the Settlement Boundary as defined in the Site Allocations and Development Management Policies (SADMP). Similarly, this development is contrary to Policy DM4, which seeks to safeguard the countryside against inappropriate development, and Policy DM9, which protects natural and semi-natural open spaces. The Council believe that the development will cause significant harm to the intrinsic value, beauty and landscape character of the countryside as well as exacerbating ribbon development. The proximity of the site to the Settlement Boundary does not justify breaching established planning policies. The applicant has also failed to acknowledge or address the implications of Public Right of Way R19, which crosses the site. This important route must remain accessible and undisturbed. Also in terms of access, the additional traffic generated by 50 houses will worsen existing congestion, particularly along Main Street, where parked cars already create dangerous pinch points across the village.

2. Public Transport

While the application highlights proximity to bus stops, the Council reiterates that this is totally irrelevant without an adequate bus service in the first place. The service through Stanton under Bardon is extremely limited and the timings make it on the whole unsuitable for workers commuting to Leicester or Coalville. A development of this scale requires a reliable and sustainable transport plan, which simply has not been provided.

3. School Capacity

The Council also believe that the statement that the local school infrastructure can accommodate additional pupils is incorrect. Stanton under Bardon Primary School is already at full capacity and relies on hiring the Village Hall for additional space during the winter. No evidence or plan has been provided to demonstrate how the school will accommodate new pupils generated by this development. Neighbouring villages such as Markfield and Thornton are also under pressure due to existing and proposed developments, further straining school places in the area.

4. Drainage and Sewerage

The application provides insufficient detail on how flood-prone areas will be managed or how drainage and sewerage issues will be addressed. Severn Trent Water already sends tankers regularly to empty the sewage facility on Thornton Lane, which frequently overflows, causing effluent to enter the watercourse and reservoir system. The existing infrastructure is under severe pressure and is not capable of supporting additional development without significant upgrades.

5. Access and Pedestrian Safety

The proposed plans include reducing the width of the key pedestrian route from 2 meters to 1.5 meters, which raises serious safety concerns. This footpath is vital for pedestrian access to our local primary school, village shop, and other village amenities. A narrower footpath will compromise safety, particularly for older people and families with young children. The site's two access points are also poorly located near a junction and on a blind bend. Large vehicles, such as HGVs and rubbish trucks will require the full width of the road to navigate through which will only create additional road hazards.

Thanks

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Joanne Lowe

Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

Stanton under Bardon Parish Council