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>>> To whom it may concern

>>> Firstly, I am surprised and saddened to think what was a piece of land sustained as a possible siting for twelve dwellings, Boyer are now intending to increase that number to eighteen. (Boyer leaflet distributed to some residents) I think the current proposal is too dense and totally out of character with the openness of the surrounding area. The plans would make it claustrophobic and cause a lot of distress, I fail to see any enhancement or asset to the area.

>>> Having lived here for over fifty years there have been many changes, mostly in highway traffic. Prince of Wales Drive is a nightmare with parking and the volume of traffic throughout the day and into the evening. Halifax School is the 'bottle neck' so to speak. As residents we have ongoing confrontations with unthinking parents whose children attend Halifax School, they tend to think it a given right to park wherever they like. This happens on a daily basis concerning parking across and turning in driveways with no thought or consideration to residents who may have to attend hospital appointments and the like. Currently the School is advising there is 'designated parking' within the parking area which is currently being used by AGE UK. You can count anything from 20/25 cars daily, mainly staff members, yet dinner ladies for some reason are not allowed to park over there, hence they and other part time members will park on the road or use the lay-by. What and where will these cars park if the plans go ahead?

>>> With proposed plans for houses to be built so close to the edge of the road, what are the chances of car owners just parking on the pavement? You only have to look on Streetview at no 27 to see what I mean. Two of the houses have no parking so they either park on the pavement or use the current car park. Residents in Aberdare Close suffer verbal abuse as do many of us regarding parking facilities. I have recently noticed the School leaves their traffic cones out on the road all day, due to the fact that coaches plus delivery lorries cannot draw up outside the school to unload.

>>> We have outstanding views of the River Orwell which give us immense pleasure, but if these plans go ahead these will be lost and replaced with houses which means we will be overlooked and suffer a loss of privacy, not to mention the added noise nuisance. Is it not within our Human Rights to be able to enjoy the peace and quiet of our own dwellings?

>>> Would bungalows be another option? They would certainly fit in much better and provide people with homes (maybe even disabled people) but definitely not two storey houses or three storey flats which would be totally out of character to the surrounding area.

>>> With the School, Dentist and Doctor's being over subscribed what would be the next option? What recreational space would be provided considering there is nothing shown on the plans? It would be a shame to see the garden at the front of the shops dug up because a lot of wildlife including foxes frequent this area.

>>> I would like to ask if Halifax School has been approached in favour of building an extension (Nursery) on the land? This would have a two fold solution, more much needed places for children within the area plus it would alleviate the continuing parking problems. It would also mean the local residents would get some respite, something nobody seems to consider.

>>> I understand the AGE shop takes £100,000 per year, it has been a very valuable asset to our community and in hindsight it is a great pity the Co-op never opened a smaller shop which would enable people to buy their daily necessities. They do advertise that they care for the local community! Apart from local residents you have parent's at the School plus next door to them there is the Prince of Wales Drive Nursing Home. People with money to spend and what choice do they have? With so much being placed on people's mental health nowadays, we need somewhere like a shop and a community place to bring people together. We are an ageing population in this area

and many do not have the capabilities to either walk down to Maldenham let alone up to Asda in the opposite direction for shopping. We are on the brow of a hill which makes it very difficult.

>>> Thank you for reading my comments, I only hope this makes someone rethink the proposed plans.

>>> Kind regards

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>>> Sent from my iPad