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> Mr Frank King
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> 23 January 2020
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> Dear Sir
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> I was appalled to read of this proposed development. It is totally unnecessary, poorly presented and I cannot believe that a good and reasonable Borough Council should even contemplate such a hideous scheme.
> Prince of Wales Drive is in an open area and consists of bungalows and semi detached properties in accordance with Lord Belstead's wishes to the Borough planners just before 1968.
> There is a Primary School and Elderly People's home opposite to the proposed development. The school has some onsite car parking, but visitors (and staff) to both premises make full usage of the car park that is within the proposed development area. It is a valuable and well used car park, bordered by some comparatively recently built houses with the residents making full use of this facility down to lack of parking. School staff and visitor's also fill the lay-by outside the school or park along Prince of Wales Drive.
> Prince of Wales Drive is an exceedingly busy through road for the 15, 15a and 16 bus services which frequently struggle to get a straight run due to parking along this road. Plus we have more than normal vehicle traffic especially for the School. The School itself has lorry deliveries most days along with buses ferrying children around. These have to stand on the road creating more inconvenience because there is nowhere else for them to unload, red cones are permanently on the road outside the school to facilitate this.
> The School is at full student capacity and this causes parking problems along the road with cars parked across driveways and this also includes staff from the school. The parking problems are not confined to two half hour segments, but continue throughout the day and well into evenings with after school activities.
> Sensibly there is a 20 mph speed limit which is rarely adhered to, but more traffic would be lethal.
> The elderly people's home and the primary school were built to enjoy the open views down to the river. The proposed development would destroy this.
> I feel so sorry for the residents of Aberdare Close and Chatsworth Crescent plus of course many of us living along this road, who bought their property because they liked the open plan feeling and enjoy such wondrous views. Aberdare Close was built only a few years ago with full use of the current car park.
> There is a need for shops in the area which has an ageing population. The Co-op own the proposed development site which had a very successful ladies hairdressing salon as well as an excellent kitchen furniture suppliers, plus a Co-op grocery store. This store was successful until the Borough Council gave planning permission to build an ASDA store much further along the estate. The Co-op could have sold or let the property, and indeed received offers, but decided not to do this in order to force a change of use of land for the site.
> There will always be a need for affordable housing but there are more available and more suitable sites around. The open space at the side of ASDA or the unused allotments at Maidenhall plus a virtually unused sports field at Bourne Vale.

> The proposed development is overcrowded and will blight a current area in which to live and which conformed with Borough Council's ideals.

> It is obvious that the proposed development within such a busy and established community is wrong and should be withdrawn in the name of common sense and justifiable reason.

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> Yours faithfully

> Frank King (Mr)

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> Sent from my iPad