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Hi,

Comments for the above planning applications are found below, please forgive the timing as I have had the joys of covid! Can you confirm that they have been received please 😊

Kind Regards

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Please find my comments regarding planning applications 2021/1089 & 2021/1090 below.

- 1 - The proposal for a link road is a welcome addition to an otherwise worrying planning application. To minimise impact on the area during construction the road must be constructed first. This would also provide the touted benefits to Higham village earlier in the construction project and prevent the risk of the project being left incomplete due to financial constraints. It would also relieve pressure of construction traffic on the surrounding areas during the project.
- 2 – The area is already surrounded by large amounts of air pollution causing routes, the A628, M1 and A635, and this will only increase the amount of air pollution both during and after construction due to the increase in traffic on those routes and through the new link road. Air pollution is a major risk factor in a range of illnesses and should be mitigated, the dust and construction debris will be a serious issue for years during construction.
- 3 – The construction of the site would have a severe negative impact on biodiversity and this would not recover properly due to the changing nature of the site. Even with the proposed greenways, grasses areas and ponds there will be a large reduction in habitat.
- 4 – The plans still do not account for the issue of existing 1 story bungalows being overlooked by 2 and 3 story properties built along the back of them in Higham and other areas. This should be fixed before the planning application is allowed to continue, it will severely impact the quality of life if the residents in affected properties, residents who will be most adversely affected by the proposals anyway due to the construction and then the loss of views and sight lines. A buffer zone, or different types of housing on those plots should be considered.
- 5 – Many of the roads around the site are already congested and the proposal does not include any plans to mitigate that issue, the link road would only take pressure of Higham Common Road and not Whinby Road/A628 and Dodworth Road, or the junctions at Barnsley Hospital. The transport assessment shows that there would be an impact on these areas from this development, but there will also be a further impact from other developments in the area too.
- 6 – The land is a major part of the flood defences of the area, absorbing a lot of rain water and the impact of the loss of this has not been fully investigated.
- 7 – The types of housing are disappointing, there should be more of the properties that current Barnsley residents need, bungalows, cheaper flats for single younger people/young couples. Not more 3 or 4 bedrooms that will attract people to come live here, but not cater for existing residents. Nor is there any social housing.