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I live at 5 Woodgate Close PO20 3TA and part of my boundary faces the northern side of this site across the access road to the Willows Caravan Park.

I am aware the deadline for comments on this proposal has passed but I was away for a week in early March followed immediately by lockdown and therefore I had no opportunity to see the development notice on the grass verge of Lidsey Road where anyway there is no footpath. Other developments nearby eg Wings have had a notice displayed in Woodgate Close. There may therefore be other residents who are unaware of these plans. Given the present exceptional circumstances I hope you will consider my comments.

The previous application on this site was declined because of sustainability issues. Since then nothing has changed although the nearest shop (the only one in reasonable walking distance) has closed (not due to Coronavirus) and I understand the nearest 3 primary schools are full thus making the situation worse. As in previous applications the figures given by the developer for traffic flow and train frequencies are factually incorrect. This impacts on the length of the traffic queue from the level crossing and the risk of minor accidents greater, particularly taking into account the Wings development as well.

Our main concern is to ensure we are not overlooked and our boundaries are protected. If the proposed properties along the northern boundary were to be bungalows this would be acceptable. A precedent was established at the Wings site.

There must be a condition that the hedge along the northern boundary must be retained and saved from removal by the developers or, later, the property owners.

It seems unclear exactly where the pedestrian "crossing" in the access road will now be located or how far the 6 metre widened access road will reach from Lidsey Road. If however it reaches our boundary, we would expect a condition that our trees and shrubs must be protected from harm or destruction.

Please keep me advised of further developments. Thank you

Mark Stephens

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