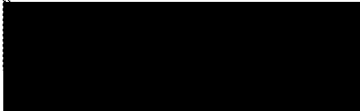


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Land east of Lidsey Road, Woodgate, PO20 3SU

I appreciate that the closing date for objections to this planning application has passed. We are quite adamant that the planning notice did not go up until very recently – other local residents say the same.

Our property is situated immediately to the north of this site, the other side of the access road to the Willows caravan park.

Our main objection is that this proposal is outside the local development plan.

Our potential view of the houses to be constructed is at present largely obscured by the conifer hedge and trees on the northern boundary of the site. It is our strong view that this screening should be retained not only at the outset of the development but also afterwards. Therefore there should be a condition that the purchasers of the properties cannot cut it down. Construction of houses on this site is out of line with neighbouring properties being all bungalows. These would obviously not be as visible as houses.

As with other recent planning applications in our area, the construction of another 30 dwellings will add to the already very congested access on the A29 at all times. This is exacerbated when the level crossing barriers are down. Reference to a train timetable will show there are 12 trains an hour, not 6 as quoted in the application, leading to delays of up to 34 minutes in the hour. It can be dangerous attempting to turn right out of the site access road as any local resident will say. Traffic released from the level crossing and driving south frequently is speeding well in excess of the 30 mph limit. I note that the Road Safety Audit Team did their survey between 11am & 11.30 – this is one of the quieter times of the day ! so does not give a realistic result.

We object strongly to this application. Please keep us informed as the planning process proceeds.

Yours sincerely
M P Stephens