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Ryedale District Council,
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18 January 2010

Dear Sirs,

ERECTION OF 2 NO. TWO BEDROOM SEMI-DETACHED DWELLINGS WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING/AMENITY AREAS: LAND AT CORNER OF CHAPEL ROAD AND FORKERS LANE, SETTRINGTON, MALTON (09/01372/FUL)

We wish to object to the above on the grounds of road safety for residents and pedestrians of Settrington.

We have lived at our above address for three years and have been surprised and alarmed at the volume and speed of vehicles using the road, which is next to the proposed building development. Indeed, there have been many occasions when we have exited our gate onto Forkers Lane to have suffered 'road rage'; by this we mean correctly checking that the road is clear in both directions before leaving our drive only to hear car horns and screeching tyres bearing down upon us; and the cause being the high speed of vehicles coming around the sharp bend with, what can only be assumed, no due consideration for what may lay ahead.

During the time we have lived here we have witnessed an articulated lorry 'jack-knifing' on the bend during the winter months when it was dark. This of course caused traffic to drive past the lorry by mounting the pavement, an obvious danger for pedestrians. The resulting noise brought us and our neighbours from our homes.

We feel that the Council should seriously consider the above points and reject the proposed development because there are many school children walking to Settrington School from the village Council Houses along Forkers Lane and Chapel Road who would be in even more danger. Please consider that the path is already very narrow on Chapel Road where it meets the bend; especially for the disabled wheelchair user we have seen negotiating the footpath with some difficulty. Extra turnings onto the Chapel Road/Forkers Lane stretch of road would only exacerbate these problems for school children, the disabled and other residents turning from their drives onto the road.

We note that the hedge surrounding the proposal has been severely pruned, unfortunately this has done nothing to help the zones of visibility and common sense would dictate that it will do nothing in the future, should the development go ahead. The reason for this is the distance between our current exit and the bend is too short for drivers to see and anticipate any danger ahead; and so with another vehicle exit alongside our exit, the dangers would multiply. N.B. The bungalow called Fairview has a drive alongside ours and if the new development goes ahead that will mean 3 exits all lined-up on an already dangerous bend. We have already witnessed the results of a 'jack-knifing', will we now see the results of a child fatality?

The problems from this proposed development would be created simply because of additional vehicle turnings onto Forkers Lane. By this we mean the number of vehicle turnings created from the properties of people who would be living there and also by the vehicles visiting the new properties.

Yours faithfully

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