For the attention of Liz Chippendale, Planning Officer

Application no. 2019/90190 Erection of 3 dwellings adj. 1 Lowgate Kirkburton

In view of the fact that the plans have been amended and 2 comments supporting this development have recently appeared online, I would like to add the following further objections.

To say the whole site looks better and tidier beggars belief. Up until last November this land was covered with trees and very much appreciated by the residents of Low Town as a green space. It had been kept tidy by the Burton Environmental Group who had adopted responsibility for its care and upkeep and had planted various trees and plants. It certainly was not an eyesore or an area for unsociable activities. and can vouch for the fact that there has never been one case of unsociable activity on the land. I can now say with all honesty that I now overlook an area of devastation and a view which gave me such delight has now been replaced by cut off tree trunks. The whole site does not look better or tidier in any way.

To say that the local parish councillor was behind the posting of objections is grossly untrue and a slur on her character. On receipt of the proposed plans we neighbours all got together to discuss the development and such was the strength of feeling and horror at how our lovely neighbourhood would be completely transformed that we put objections in without any pressure being applied. Many of the comments covered very relevant issues such as highway safety, drainage and loss of green space.

This development, if it goes ahead, would transform what is a very quaint area with a lot of history. Overlooked by the old church, it has remained virtually unchanged for centuries. All the cottages go back to the 1800's and have the name Treacle attached to their house names and the area was made a Conservation Area to protect this ethos. To build 3 x 3 and 2 storey very modern houses with glass terraces would completely ruin the wonderful character of Low Town and if houses are to be built we feel they should be in keeping with the locality and be cottages to match the other dwellings.

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