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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Application Number 2021/91914

The traffic problems on Northorpe Lane are very apparent. It is a very poorly maintained country lane (which we understand is going to be resurfaced). It is narrow from its origin at the Plough. Passing another pinch point – Crossley Lane. The junction at Shillbank Lane and Crossley Lane are gridlocked at school times. and further up, where Crossley Lane branches off to the left, is even a more dramatic junction, with blind, extremely hazardous exits, coming down to join Northorpe Lane. Most of these times, because of parked cars, the lane is a single, narrow entry into Northorpe Lane and for the authority to say that more houses will cause minimal impact on these junctions is completely unrealistic. The number of houses will double the size of the village and an extra 200 vehicle movements could be expected from larger houses. We have had several more people with disabilities residing on Northorpe Lane since the first application was made.

Wednesday mornings, I have to get up early to move my car from outside the house so that refuse lorries can access Northorpe Hall and the smaller side road, because the present infrastructure is inadequate.

Local people have developed the green by planting spring bulbs, erecting a library and having a seat and planters, and geographically it is the centre point of the village, not a car park or layby. The layby will destroy this for ever and make an unacceptable impact around this Grade II historic building. We understand that the grass verge belongs to Northorpe Hall and despite attempts by Kirklees of ownership, there are no legal documents to verify this claim.