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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Planning application 2022/91822 objection

I am writing to object to the above planning application, situated on Clayton Fields.

I have worked with Clayton Fields Action Group for a long time, with the aim of protecting and preserving the site as a valuable green space. That fight was ultimately lost.

However, irrespective of the history of the site I do have concerns about the present situation. These include concerns over affordable housing and Section 106 contributions and concerns over the additional traffic.

Affordable housing is a major issue both within Huddersfield constituency and nationwide. The Council should ensure developers meet or exceed affordable housing targets. This application should not be permitted to deliver fewer affordable homes than would be expected from other developments. Though now allocated for housing, this site was previously a green space used and enjoyed by the community; it should maintain that tie to the community by ensuring people have the opportunity to buy homes they can afford rather than being priced out.

The application appears to ask for a more or less complete discharge of the obligations under Section 106 with respect to transport and education in addition to affordable housing. It is deplorable that conditions placed to ensure the development is sustainable for the community should be avoided by the developer. Many of my constituents will wonder how it is that what seem to be a very predictable set of costs can be considered grounds to escape obligations. They will be concerned that at a time where the Council's budgets are being squeezed ever more acutely there may be a shift in financial burden from the developer who stands to make a significant profit from the site onto the ratepayer in Kirklees.

I have heard concerns over the transport situation both with regard to the access road for the new development and with regard to the likely increase of traffic volume at the nearby junction of Blacker Road and Edgerton Road. This junction is the site of a controversial traffic easing proposal involving road widening and removal of tree canopy, which seeks to address unacceptable levels of air pollution in the vicinity. There is real concern that these problems will be exacerbated by significant additional traffic from the development of Clayton Fields. This is particularly worrisome when this application seeks to remove contributions towards sustainable public transport, the ready availability of which is the best hope to mitigate the additional cars.

Kirklees has declared a Climate Emergency. It is not right to trade the sustainable future of our town for a higher profit margin on a housing development. My constituents need affordable

homes to raise families in, properly resourced and supported schools to send their children to, clean air to breathe, and an accessible and affordable public transport network.

Yours faithfully,

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