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I would like to express my full support for this planning application as I strongly believe it will bring significant benefits to the area.

Currently finding affordable housing is increasingly difficult everywhere leaving many families struggling to find a place to live. The demand far outweighs the supply, and this development is an essential step in addressing that issue. Increasing the housing stock will help stabilise rental prices and provide much-needed homes for those who need them most.

Furthermore, providing additional housing supports the long-term sustainability of the community. More homes mean more families settling in the area, creating a stronger sense of community and increasing demand for local services and businesses. Rather than resisting change, we should be embracing well-planned developments that will help Thornton Lodge grow positively.

Some concerns have been raised about traffic and congestion at the junction and on street, The current road situation should not be used as an excuse to block a development that could benefit the area. Instead of opposing much-needed housing, local residents should take proactive steps, such as improving road awareness and communication. Basic road sense and mutual consideration between drivers can go a long way in preventing unnecessary congestion. Residents working together to resolve parking issues would be far more effective than using this as an argument against a housing development. At the end of the day, more homes do not automatically mean more traffic problems—proper planning and responsible road use can mitigate these concerns.

Following picture of a resident parking on the pavement, when there was space on the drive, these are the same people complaining and petitioning against the planning application clearly shows the development has nothing to do with how they observe on street parking. It shows a lack of common sense and no consideration for pedestrians, yet they still trying to blame the proposal, I just hope they realise how ridiculous this seems.

Beyond providing housing, this development has the potential to bring economic benefits to the area. Construction projects create jobs, both directly and indirectly, providing opportunities for local workers and businesses. Once completed, the new homes will bring more residents to Thornton Lodge, increasing footfall for local shops, restaurants, and services. This can help boost the local economy and create a more vibrant, thriving community.

It's important to recognise that no development will ever be perfect, and there will always be some level of concern from residents. However, we must take a balanced and forward-thinking approach. Housing shortages, rising rents, and increasing homelessness are real issues that affect many people. This proposal presents a solution that will provide families with secure, affordable homes and bring long-term benefits to the area.

Rather than blaming this application for every perceived issue, we should acknowledge the positive impact it will have. The reality is that the need for housing will not go away, and rejecting developments like this will only make the situation worse. We should be supporting responsible and well-planned growth rather than resisting change out of fear or habit.

At a time when housing is more unaffordable than ever, and when families are struggling to find a place to live, developments like this are not just beneficial—they are necessary. The concerns raised, while understandable, do not outweigh the overwhelming need for new housing. Thornton Lodge must adapt to meet current and future demands, and this proposal is a positive step in the right direction.

I fully support this application and urge others to consider the bigger picture. Housing is a fundamental necessity, and this development will provide much-needed homes for people in our community.