



I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the above planning application.

This proposed development is wholly inappropriate for the site and the surrounding area. The land in question lies within grey belt, previously designated for agricultural use, and its change of use would be entirely out of keeping with the long-established character of the locality.

The proposal for multiple two-storey dwellings is unsuitable, as this area has historically been characterised by single-storey buildings and traditional cottages. Such large, modern houses would dominate the landscape and result in a significant loss of character. The scale, height, and design of the development fail to reflect the heritage of the surrounding properties, many of which are listed cottages of architectural and historic value. The sheer number of proposed dwellings would overwhelm the site and alter the nature of this Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.

There are also serious implications for neighbouring residents. Yew Croft, in particular, will suffer loss of light to its roadside room, where two dormer windows provide the primary source of daylight. The development would also result in loss of privacy, with new houses overlooking existing homes and gardens. The elevated topography of the site only heightens these adverse impacts, as the new buildings would sit unnaturally high in relation to their surroundings.

Additional concerns include the impact on the visual amenity of the area, with solar panels facing directly onto the lane creating an eyesore for neighbours. The introduction of five dwellings would generate significant noise and traffic, adding to safety risks on a stretch of road where accidents have already occurred in recent years.

The claim that this scheme is sensitive to local context is misleading. No consultation with neighbours has taken place, and assertions about limited impact on the community are demonstrably untrue. The site has been left derelict for years, seemingly to engineer a planning opportunity rather than to meet a genuine housing need.

Furthermore, this application represents overdevelopment. The density, height, and design are inconsistent with both national planning policy and local planning guidance, particularly recent changes intended to safeguard rural and historic environments. Previous applications for this site have rightly been refused or withdrawn for similar reasons, and nothing material has changed to justify approval now.

In conclusion, this proposal would have a negative and irreversible impact on the character, heritage, and amenity of the area. It is inappropriate in design, scale, and location, and fails to respect the rural and historic context in which it sits. I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application.