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Objection to Planning Application: 2025/93355

Address of Site: Land off Woodward Court/Hepworth Lane

Dear Katie Chew,

I am writing to formally object to the above referenced planning application, specifically regarding the proposal for an additional exit onto Hepworth Lane. As a long-term resident living adjacent to the site, I have significant concerns regarding **highway safety** and the **structural integrity** of my property.

1. Highway Safety and Pedestrian Access

Hepworth Lane is already a constrained route that struggles to accommodate current traffic volumes. My primary objection relates to the lack of adequate pedestrian infrastructure. There are significant stretches of this lane with **no designated pavements**, forcing pedestrians to walk directly in the carriageway.

, I remain active and value my independence; however, navigating Hepworth Lane is becoming increasingly hazardous. An additional exit from the Bellway development will inevitably lead to an increase in vehicle movements. This intensification of traffic, without a corresponding improvement in pedestrian safety or the provision of footways, creates a severe risk of conflict between vehicles and vulnerable road users.

2. Ground Stability and Structural Integrity

My property shares a boundary wall with the proposed site. This wall is already in a fragile state. The current plans involve significant earthworks in close proximity to this boundary to prepare the site for construction.

I am extremely concerned that the vibrations and soil displacement caused by heavy machinery will lead to the **subsidence or total collapse** of this boundary wall. Planning authorities have a duty to consider whether a site is suitable for development, taking into account ground conditions and land stability.

In summary the proposed additional exit will exacerbate an already dangerous traffic situation on a 'lane' unfit for higher volumes, particularly for elderly residents like myself.

I trust these considerations will be given full weight in the assessment of this application.

Yours faithfully,