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Dear Planning Officer / Kirklees Council,

Planning Application No 2026/92441

I would like to formally raise several concerns regarding the proposed development. I respectfully request that these points be considered as part of the planning review process:

1. **Lack of Safety Lighting and Maintenance Provisions**

The proposal indicates no provision for safety lighting along the route, nor any clear financial commitment for ongoing maintenance. Previous similar projects have suffered from vandalised lighting and unrepaired potholes, rendering them unsafe and under used. The absence of lighting poses a particular risk to women, teenagers, and vulnerable individuals for at least six months of the year during darker months and evenings throughout the year.

2. **Safety and Surveillance Measures**

To enhance safety, particularly for women and children, I urge consideration of installing facial recognition or CCTV cameras along the route. This proactive measure will act as a deterrent to any potential crime and provide reassurance to users throughout the year.

3. **Cost Transparency and Value for Money**

Can the full cost of this project be shared versus other local projects? It is essential that taxpayers are assured of best value for money, both in terms of initial outlay and long-term annual management provision for repairs and renewals. Have local communities had the opportunity to review these various projects to be able to understand which project represents the best value for them?

4. **Ongoing Auditing and Financial Sustainability**

How frequently will the route be audited to ensure it continues to meet its intended purpose?

Given increasing financial pressures on local authorities, what guarantees are in place to ensure sustained funding for upkeep over the next five years?

5. **Anti-Social Behaviour Mitigation**

What specific measures are being proposed to prevent anti-social behaviour, including the use of motorbikes, quad bikes, and e-bikes? Without clear enforcement strategies, the route could become a hotspot for nuisance activity, deterring legitimate users and undermining community safety.

6. **Environmental and Ecological Impact**

We frequently encounter & enjoy seeing deer feeding at the proposed Greenway entrance as well as pheasants & the occasional fox. Owls also nest alongside the entrance too. Has a comprehensive environmental impact assessment been conducted? I am particularly concerned about the potential disruption to local wildlife habitats. The anticipated increase in footfall and activity could significantly disturb the ecosystem, leading to long-term degradation of biodiversity in the area.

7. **Dog Waste and Litter Management**

What infrastructure will be in place to manage dog waste and general litter to prevent potential fires in the woodlands? Weekly litter collections and maintenance schedules must be outlined to prevent the route from becoming unsanitary and unpleasant for users.

8. **Parking and Traffic Impact at Access Points**

Has an assessment been conducted on the potential for increased or illegal parking near the greenway entrance? This could lead to congestion and safety issues for nearby residents.

Please confirm that these concerns will be formally recorded and considered as part of the planning decision process.

I would welcome the opportunity to be kept informed of any updates or public consultations.

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