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Hello Kate .

As it looks as though my initial comment for the Black Cat development has gone missing I will start again.

As a long standing resident of Matlock House I feel the need to comment on the Urban sprawl proposed by the EK group.

Having attended both of the consultation events on the first attempt at gaining P.P for the black site and expressing my concerns at the proposed access point on Blackmoorfoot Road it became apparent that this was just a PR exercise to placate the neighbours in the locality.

I suggested that a project of this magnitude given its relative rural location and the main road it is going to be linked to would essentially benefit from a roundabout which would incorporate the sands house lane junction and would not result in any land being C.P'd as it would be partially onto the black cat land ,but I was informed that the decision was already made to have a run off lane coming down the road and a right turn lane coming up Blackmoorfoot Road.

As I have seen over the years the volume of traffic increase so has the speed and the number of accidents also many of which are not recorded by the relevant authorities and I am aware of three this current year where the police did not attend ,so the Gerald Eve report is not

particularly accurate in this aspect and also the report states that many shops are within walking distance which is not really true and as such will result in an increase in vehicular movements also the bus service only serves Monday to Saturday and there is a limited bus service serving residents further down the road at weekends so again increasing traffic.

My concern is that the applicant provide a more suitable method of entrance to the site as given the nature of the road when viewed from the Crosland hill road junction it is understandable why people insist on breaking the speed limit not just by a small margin but by a considerable amount with some passing my house whilst overtaking and still on the wrong side passing the sands house lane junction.

The application includes inaccuracies and fails to mention the Methodist church were the consultation events were held is now earmarked for development and that in the LDP Lowdham leisure is allocated for housing circa 148 homes and land on Thewlis lane is allocated for 450 homes ,all of which will place a burden on a road which has many parking issues right down to the Dryclough junction and beyond including pavement parking which I am lead to believe is illegal but if it becomes law to make it an offence to do so it will cause significant problems to all traffic using the road.

I could go on but again my main concern that whilst I accept this development will proceed it is imperative substantial traffic calming measures are in place to ensure safe entry and exit to and from the site and re- siting of the proposed entrance as it is going to result a concentration of exit and entry points in a very short distance 5 in total .