

To whom this may concern,

I am writing to express my strong objection regarding the proposed construction of 14 houses in our lane. As a concerned resident, I believe it is crucial to voice my concerns about this development and its potential impact on our community.

Firstly, the addition of 14 houses in our lane would significantly increase the population density, leading to overcrowding issues. Our lane is currently a peaceful and serene neighbourhood, and such a large-scale construction project would disrupt the tranquility we all cherish. It would not only create congestion but also strain the existing lane, sewage systems, and utilities, which may not be equipped to handle such a sudden surge in demand.

Small quiet lanes are typically not designed to handle heavy traffic flow or accommodate the increased population that new houses would bring. This could lead to congestion and safety hazards.

At present it is difficult for two cars to pass in the lane at the same time leading cars to have to ride up against the side where pedestrians are walking mainly with dogs.

At 8.30am and 3pm the lane is busy with teenagers coming and going from school. I personally would state that more cars congesting the road would lead to accidents and the safety of the children will be compromised.

On average an extra 42 cars in and out of the lane will most definitely have a huge effect.

This will be in addition to the six new houses recently built with entrances in the lane along with a recently approved golf range and the existing tennis courts this will all see more traffic in the lane.

Building houses in a small quiet lane would inevitably lead to increased noise levels, pollution, construction activities, increased traffic, and the presence of more people would disrupt the peaceful environment that attracted residents to the area in the first place. Noise pollution can negatively impact mental health, sleep patterns, and overall well-being.

Building houses on our greenery, that contributes to the charm and tranquility of the area I feel is a loss of biodiversity, decreased air quality, and reduced access to nature for both humans and wildlife. The lane is used by many dog walkers and this would be compromised during building and congestion in the lane.

Small quiet lanes like ours have a close-knit community where neighbours know and support each other. The residents in Ash Close have an age range of 70-85 so the introduction of new houses could disrupt these dynamics by bringing in unfamiliar residents who may not have the same sense of community or shared values. This could lead to a loss of trust, increased tension, and a decline in the overall sense of belonging in the neighbourhood. Having spoken to the other residents I know they are concerned about emergency services being able to access the lane promptly.