

I am writing to lodge my objection to the above planning proposal. The government overturned the refusal for building on the adjacent plot of land in Lower Road despite overwhelming objections from local residents. The character of this beautiful area is already being changed for the worse and adding more housing will totally ruin it.

The issue of poor access to the site along a poorly lit, narrow, road with blind bends remains and nothing has been done to address this. The above plan is suggesting the building of houses whose only access will be via this same road (Lower Road) and it will put even more lives at risk.

The suggestion that occupants of these houses will use Lodge Road as a pedestrian route to access local schools is ludicrous. People invariably take the quickest route to get to places and walking via Lodge Road to the Bidbury Schools will increase the distance significantly and make that route far less attractive.

The condition of the road and footpaths in Lodge Road is very poor. The surfaces are loose, uneven, and full of holes are a potential trip hazard. The footpath from the end of Lodge Road to the B2177 is too narrow for a double pushchair or for people to pass one another with even a single pushchair - another reason parents are likely to walk along Lower Road instead. It too is in poor condition and need of refurbishment.

Anyone walking along Lower Road has must traverse sections with no footpath and the increase in traffic along this road will inevitably lead to accidents. The '20' speed limit sign erected on the corner of Lower Road mysteriously disappeared - that was the only warning to drivers to slow down. Local residents are aware of the tight bend and narrow lanes but many commercial drivers are not and frequently drive dangerously fast around the bends and along Lower Road.

I would like you to note my objection to the above planning proposal.