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Gareth Thomas

I'm writing to convey my huge objection to the proposed development of a large housing estate in Ewloe / Ewloe Green, which will sit adjacent to Ewloe Green, Circular Drive and Holywell Road. My wife attended the Hearing Sessions on Tuesday by video conference.

Me and my family live on [REDACTED] and totally object to the proposed development for the following reasons:

1. Roads

The roads around Ewloe are already too congested. The B5125 (Ewloe to Northop) road that is outside our house is already congested at key times of the day, with queues backing up past our house. When not congested there is a real problem with excess speed on this road, which I have taken up with the council separately. There simply isn't the road infrastructure to allow for hundreds more vehicles per day. The road outside Ewloe Green School is already dangerously busy at school peak times, with no formal facilities for parking for parents, this will only get significantly worse with the proposals. It is dangerous and an accident is only a matter of time.

2. Schools

There is no proposal in the development to build new nurseries or schools, or even to extend the existing ones. The current facilities are already at capacity, not to mention Hawarden High School, which is already full and turning away "local" students. The development would put further undue pressure on an education system in the area which is already full.

3. Other facilities

There is no proposal in the development to add community facilities. So building hundreds more houses without investing in this type of infrastructure will cause further pressure on Ewloe.

4. The Environment

The proposed site is a beautiful natural landscape, with lots of old trees and nature. This is also popular with walkers as there is a public footpath across the land. We cannot keep turning these natural green spaces into housing estates. It's already happened enough with St David's Park and other newer developments. Ewloe used to be a pleasant place to live and is becoming one large housing estate. The additional traffic (both during and after building) will create noise and pollution which doesn't currently exist in the area.

5. Quality of Life

Over the 40+ years I have lived in Ewloe I have seen natural green fields bulldozed for housing and development. It has turned Ewloe from a semi-rural pleasant hamlet to one large housing estate. Over that time we haven't built a single new school or community centre. The infrastructure is already creaking. The roads are dangerous. Green spaces are good for mental health, housing estates are not.

I want Ewloe to be a pleasant place to bring up my 2 young boys. I'm really concerned that this development will have a negative effect on that, from busier dangerous roads to pollution to overcrowded schools.

Please can you acknowledge receipt of this email. I sincerely hope you take on board my opposition when deciding whether to proceed with this development.