

LANESIDE
5 GREEN LANE
ASHWELL
HERTS
SG7 5LW

Attn Melissa Tyler
NHDA Planning
By email melissa.tyler@north-herts.gov.uk

7 January 2025

Dear Sirs

Re 24/02214/FP Land to rear of 7 Green Lane, Ashwell, Herts SG7 5LW

We are writing in reply to your letter of 23 December, 2024 - all of our previous comments and objections remain.

We have seen and entirely endorse the letter of 7 January, 2025 from our neighbours at 10 Green Lane.

In addition we would like to point out again that our house is particularly vulnerable to the increase in vehicles using the lane, being at the narrowest point. The water meters for both Nos. 5 and 7 are on the verge alongside our house. In the summer of 2024 it became apparent that there was a very substantial leak from around the meters which threatened to flood our house through the airbrick - and only kept at bay by constant bailing out, and repaired, eventually, by Affinity Water. This must demonstrate how susceptible to damage Green Lane, which is just a gravelled track, is to traffic encroaching on the verge at this particularly narrow point. I cannot emphasise strongly enough that Green Lane is not suitable for all the extra traffic this scheme would generate.

There have been 2 refused planning applications. Both these were refused on the grounds of safety. The planning inspectors found that the impacts on highway safety presented by the bottle neck of the single width track from No 7 to the junction with Station Road were too great. The current application scheme fails to suggest any solution to the exact, same problem.

Green Lane is not a fit means of access to this scheme, and we request that NHDC refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

PJ and J Gates

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Yours sincerely,

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