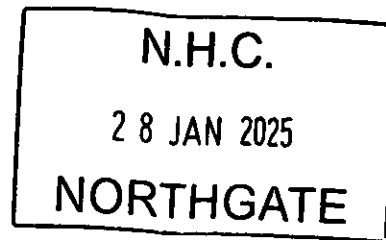


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Dear Ms Kasparian,

Re 24/02780/RM construction of spine road, The Avenue/ re proposed development, Highover Farm

Thank you for your letter dated 15th January regarding the above. I wish to object to the building of the proposed road and indeed am totally opposed to the building on this site. My reasons are as follows:-

The Stotfold Road is a very busy road and having lived here for almost 54 years I can say without doubt that we have seen a big increase in traffic and it really isn't easy to get out onto the Stotfold Road from Grovelands Avenue safely at many times of the day. The parking along the road doesn't help this of course, neither does the speeding which despite speed traps from time to time still happens.

The proposal to access the Stotfold Road via a roundabout will only add to the traffic and with a proposed 700 houses there will be inevitably a lot more cars.

When we first moved here Grovelands Avenue was a through road and in order to make it safe it was closed to through traffic from Highover Way. This has worked well. High Dane isn't able to support a lot of extra surely? Where does this exit? Onto Woolgrove Road at a point near the very narrow railway bridge which is already a pinch point? It doesn't make sense.

When it was first proposed there was to be a primary school, shops and a GP surgery. The primary school alone remains on the plans. People living on that estate will have to travel to visit a GP and go shopping so they will be using the Stotfold Road or maybe High Dane.

I know of many people living in this area who are against this development and we aren't Nimbys, we just know the area and know it can't support the increase in traffic.

I know that there have been traffic surveys and it has been reported that the traffic is sufficiently busy to warrant turning down these plans. Possibly they were at a time of day when it was thought not to be busy or am I just being cynical? We attended the meeting at the Town Hall and couldn't get clear answers to any of the questions we asked and along with other people attending felt very let down and helpless at what seemed to be a lack of understanding of our objections.

I have written this letter but my husband is in total agreement and has also signed it.

Bob and Dilys Twine

