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Planning ref 24/01920/FP

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Dear Sir,

We live about 150 yards from the proposed site of Mr Parker's planning application. You may know that he applied to turn the same parcel of land into a car park some time ago, and it was refused. It seems that this new application suggests a community car park with the additional prospect of holding regular Farmers' Markets.

We are objecting to this proposal on two main fronts.

- 1.) Old Hale Way is a busy road with constant traffic, and it also has three schools, one secondary and two primary schools (one nursery/infant, the other a JMI) with associated traffic, and children crossing the road twice a day during the term. The entrance to the proposed site is near a bend, and has an entrance to the Old Hale Way allotments immediately beside it. Development on this site would be both intrusive and possibly hazardous.
- 2.) The land in question forms a necessary 'Green Lung' that separates Hitchin from the village of Ickleford. It would be ill-advised to use this site as a car park that few people would either want or use, and it would be one more nail in the coffin of rural North Hertfordshire.

I trust that our objection to this application will be carefully considered, and planning permission refused.

Yours faithfully,

Sally and Ross Hadley