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Dear SMBC,

This letter is to complain and object against the proposals to build housing on the land near Clopton Crescent adjacent to Newby Grove. Having lived here for almost 5 years now I find it deeply saddening that yourselves have acted in a way without due care and communication to the residents already living here.

The reasons I moved my family here were to escape large built up areas for a quieter area for us and all I have seen in the last 5 years in the surrounding area is more houses and apartments being thrown up anywhere there is an available space.

This all adds more pressure to local amenities and surrounding infrastructure and after speaking to fellow residents I have not heard a single person say that they think this is a good idea in any way shape or form.

The majority of residents living on this estate all know each other and have young children who all work hard to keep this area clean and tidy and I feel by adding random residents in social housing to the area will not share the same pride and values that goes into making this area such a wonderful place to live.

This plot of land in question is a place where my two young children can play safely and enjoy the beautiful surroundings the area has to offer. The nearest playing fields would involve my children crossing a busy dual carriageway which is a popular route for motorbikes and speeding cars (with no pedestrian crossings) which I feel will undoubtedly end up causing a serious accident to the future generation of the area. This land is popular with dog walkers also for the elderly who can't walk that far but find the land at Newby Grove well within their parameters to walk their dog safely. I would also like to add that the traffic has increased massively within the area because of a stupidly un-thought decision by yourselves to narrow the collector road opposite Chelmunds Cross village to accommodate a cycling lane which is barely used. The back log of traffic really is a joke. What happens when you stem the flow of traffic from two lanes to one? Need I say more!!!

I feel that these houses are not being built in the interests of the community but to line the pockets of developers who have no interest in the thoughts and feelings of the residents who have lived here for many years. This land was originally donated to the community and was gifted for recreational use. As a current resident I have not been informed by any council member of your wish or attempt to revoke this. It is unfair on the people who gave the land to the community and it is unfair on the residents who were donated the land. I refuse to hand this land to yourselves as it is my communities land and not for sale at any price. I object whole heartedly to your proposals and look forward to a swift conclusion regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Miss Lyndsey Hawkes