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3/2021/0335, the parish council would like to strongly object to this application for planning for the following reasons: -

View of the development.

This development will not sit well in the landscape. The existing development is intrusive and visually unsympathetic to the landscape. There is also light pollution from the existing lodges being illuminated daily not just during an expected holiday period, this would increase with the additional lodges.

Loss of agricultural land.

This is development creep onto green agricultural land. These lodges are no different to a house on a green field site. The parish council feels that more should be done to protect our farming heritage and green field sites.

Increased traffic

This development will also put more vehicles onto roads that are already overloaded. There is already an increase of at least one car per lodge, this application for a further 16 lodges will add yet more vehicles.

Concerns as to the business ventures viability.

The parish council is concerned about the viability of the business venture with concern that the development will prove unprofitable and then the lodges will be sold off for homes. This has happened in the past.

Further concerns were raised that the majority of lodges were occupied by owners who live in them all year round, with the residents in these lodges also circumventing Council tax. Due to the level of concern a member of the parish council has visited the site after dark and seen that the majority of the existing lodges were illuminated which demonstrated these are still permanently occupied. It was felt that some of the lodges are being used as permanent addresses and not in keeping with this or the previous planning application.

Utilities

The parish council ask if the question could be raised as to if the existing sewage systems and other utilities can stand such an increase in population?

Clerk to Billington and Langho Parish Council

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