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Subject: Objection to Application 3/2023/0739 - Land of Elker Lane

Dear [Recipient's Name],

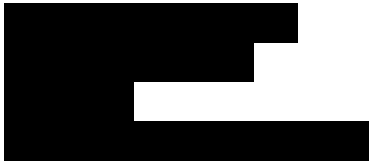
I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to formally object to the planning application 3/2023/0739 for the land of Elker Lane. My concerns are based on several significant issues that I believe warrant serious consideration in the decision-making process.

1. **Increased Traffic :** The proposed development will lead to a substantial increase in traffic through Elker Meadows, where vehicles are already frequently parked and turned around. This situation poses safety risks for both residents and pedestrians, particularly children.
2. **History of Flooding:** Our area has a documented history of flooding, and additional development could exacerbate this problem. It is crucial to consider how further construction may impact drainage and water management.
3. **Settlement Boundary:** The site lies outside the established settlement boundaries of Billington. This factor should be a critical element of any planning decision, as it goes against the principles of sustainable development.
4. **Safety Concerns:** There have been serious incidents in the area, including an accident where a student was struck by a vehicle. This history highlights the need for caution and thorough analysis before approving any developments that may increase traffic.
5. **Community Integrity:** Allowing this application could lead to the gradual amalgamation of Billington and Langho, which may alter the character and identity of our community.
6. **Current Parking Issues:** Vehicles daily park on the footpaths and double yellow lines of Elker Meadows, creating significant difficulties for residents, particularly those using mobility scooters. This situation will only worsen with the proposed new development.
7. **Demand on Services:** The development would place additional pressure on already overstretched local services, such as healthcare facilities, which are currently oversubscribed.
8. **Lack of Amenities:** Billington has limited amenities, with only one small village store. This lack of daily essentials raises questions about the suitability of the site for further development.
9. **Inappropriate Development:** Elker Meadows is primarily a development for senior citizens. My

concern is that Billington does not require another large-scale development at this time, especially given the unique demographic of our existing community.

In conclusion, I urge you to consider these points carefully. The proposed development poses several risks that could negatively impact our community's safety, character, and quality of life. Thank you for your attention to this matter. I hope you will take my objections into serious consideration.

Sincerely,

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Feel free to add any additional personal touches or specific details as needed.

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