

7th August 2025

**Planning objection letter to planning application 3/2025/0363**

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**LAND TO THE REAR OF PENDLE STREET EAST, SABDEN, BB7 9EQ**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the above proposed development. My concerns primarily relate to the safety of pedestrians, particularly children, and the inadequate access provisions for the increased traffic that the development would inevitably bring.

**1. CHILD SAFETY CONCERNS AT SCHOOL TIMES:**

One of my most significant concerns is the impact that the increased traffic volume will have on the safety of children, particularly during school drop-off and pick-up times. The area surrounding ST Mary's School is already congested, and the additional vehicles generated by the proposed development will exacerbate this issue, creating a dangerous environment for children crossing the road. With families walking to and from school in this area, it is crucial that any new development takes into account the safety of pedestrians, especially young children. The current road layout and traffic flow cannot adequately handle the increased volume of vehicles, and there is a genuine risk of accidents in the absence of sufficient pedestrian safety measures, such as pedestrian crossings or speed-reduction infrastructure.

**2. INADEQUATE ACCESS AND CONGESTION:**

Another major concern is the size and capacity of the access roads leading to the proposed development. The current access route to the site is already narrow and heavily congested during peak traffic periods. There are times when traffic struggles to flow freely, leading to delays and blockages. Adding a substantial number of new homes to the area will only increase the strain on this access road, leading to even greater congestion and making the situation worse for residents and visitors alike.

The access road is not designed for the additional traffic the development would generate. Given the size and layout of the area, it seems unlikely that the road network could be safely or effectively expanded to accommodate this increase. This congestion would affect not only local residents but also emergency services, making it more difficult for them to respond quickly in case of an emergency.

**3. INADEQUATE PARKING PROVISIONS:**

I also wish to point out that, based on the details available in the application, it appears that the proposed development does not account for sufficient parking spaces for site workers. As the surrounding area is already heavily reliant on on-street parking, any increase in vehicle numbers could cause further parking congestion, leading to cars being parked on narrow streets, which would, in turn, obstruct traffic flow and create additional safety risks for both pedestrians and drivers.

In light of the above concerns, I strongly urge the planning committee to reconsider this application, as it could significantly impact the safety and well-being of local residents, particularly children. Furthermore, I urge the council to take into consideration the narrow and already congested access roads when assessing the viability of this development.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my objections. I hope that the planning committee will carefully consider these issues and prioritise the safety of local residents and children over the proposed development.

Yours faithfully,

