

If you wish to make a submission about, or an objection to, the planning application for 1247 houses on Buckton Fields here are some ideas. Please note you only have 21 days to object.

Please post a letter with the Planning Reference Code clearly shown and say "I object" in the final sentence. One letter is allowed for every adult in the household (but change the layout and words a bit !) If your letter does not have the Planning Reference Code it will be discounted. It is suggested that you really concentrate on the areas that affect you. Your objection is not as effective if it looks too much like a standardised letter.

GUIDELINES

1. Stick to the point, try not to rant!
2. Pick from the list of reasons to object; try to pick the ones that have most relevance to you.
3. Remember to put the points into your own words.

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Re: Buckton Fields Planning Application No DA/2007/1400

OBJECTION

To Whom it may concern,

Dear Sir/Madam,

I/We wish to express my/our *concerns with regard/ objection* to the above described development because it is not in accordance with sustainable development of the area as required by legislation and can therefore not be granted planning permission.

Reasons to Object

- A large number of houses will mean more cars and increased traffic, (surely the majority of householders will not find employment within the town- so the proposed Park and Ride scheme is ineffective).

Wildlife

- The local wildlife environment, including established hedges, trees and green fields.
- **This is a Greenfields site!**

Flooding

- Surface water drainage and sewerage; already at capacity.
- Flooding- The developer has only conducted geological surveys on one third of the site, that in the eastern section currently open to the public. How can they be confident that their computations for proposed run off are correct if they are unaware of what lies under the larger lower end of the section near the mill? Like most of the developers operating in and around Northampton, Ensign have based their flood provisions on a fictitious flood report, plus they seem to have ignored the proposal for 3,500 houses on Dallington Heath which drains into the same area.

Services

- Local policing, fire and ambulance services; already overstretched.
- Health services- Local dentists and doctors are already overstretched; their lists over the last few years have grown substantially. The local Primary Care Trust is currently financially strapped, adding more residents is contributing to this problem.
- Services – shops, roads, car parks over-capacity.
- Schools are already at capacity, where is the provision for secondary schooling?
- Local Hospital- is already overstretched and will not be able to cope with the potential of 3000 patients (in addition to all the development taking place and planned within Northampton).

Traffic

- Traffic –consider volumes, speeds, on-street parking, more cars as poor local bus service, congestion at road junctions, lorries and other heavy vehicles present already.
- Northamptonshire County Council survey shows Kingsthorpe as home to three of the most congested junctions in the county. Using Council figures

we estimate that vehicles on the road will increase by over 5.5% as a consequence of this development. Ensign's solution? Park and Ride plus an additional bus lane on the Welford Road.

- The Harborough Road and Welford Road are already badly congested, especially at peak times!
- Poor public transport services (bus timetables, end of service, weekends).
- Limited local employment opportunities.

Poor Consultation

- The venue for the public meeting was not within the community that was being directly affected- why was The Pastures Community Centre not used? Perhaps to discourage people who love nearest not to attend?
- The day selected was mid week and from 2-9pm, again to reduce attendance?

Yours sincerely

(Your signature here)