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Dear Sirs

Hatfield Broad Oak PC Call for Sites Technical Data Checking Preface re Gt Canfield

Hatfield Broad Oak Parish Council's comments on Great Canfield 002 Res as part of this site is in the parish of Hatfield Broad Oak Parish.

1. Desktop studies are severely limited. In this case, 'As the crow flies' measurements are easy to obtain but do not reflect accurate walking or cycling timings. Walking speeds of adults and children are equated whereas all adults know that the journeys to and from school with pushchairs and children is so much longer than the return solo journeys. In fact there are no Mary Poppinses here and a lot of journeys will be by car.
2. It is impossible to know which points are being measured from. In a large site the point chosen will not reflect accurate distances from other parts of the site to school, the bus network, local services etc.
3. HBO PC understand that suggested walking routes along roads which have no footpaths, no street lighting, and are derestricted, narrow and busy are not suitable as walking routes especially for children and vulnerable pedestrians.
4. PRoWs also cannot be included in walking routes as they are unlit and not constructed to highways' footpath standards.
5. This site intersects with the parish boundary of Hatfield Broad Oak. The south west corner of the site seems to come as far west as the B183. Whilst no access points are shown on any of the sites, the enlargement of this site would seem to be to offer access to a shorter route to all services. HBO PC have therefore assessed Great Canfield 002 RES in the light of access onto the B183
6. At this point the B183 is a fast, derestricted, busy, narrow and unlit secondary distributor with no footpaths along a large length of the route and a narrow footpath on one side only over the Flitch Way. This has been pointed out in the comments though not all are shaded in red.
7. Any access here would be on a bend with inadequate site lines. HatfieldBO 001 RES Woodlands to the south was refused in the last Call for Sites for those reasons. People will just use cars, the accesses are totally unsustainable



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8. Since then, the only changes are more traffic and HGVs. Indeed, a survey at Takeley Four Ashes traffic lights at the B1256/B183 junction on Tue 13 Jun, 2017 showed a 12-hour total of 6,171 vehicles entering and exiting the B183 South, of which the vast majority would have passed this site. About 9.7% of these were LGV2-HGV2 categories. The B183 is not safe enough for pedestrians, especially children and cyclists.

Yours sincerely

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