

**Want, Paulette 20/10/2023**

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To the Planning Policy Team

I am a resident of Setchey and a previous resident of West Winch. Whilst not totally opposed to housing development in this area I am opposed to the number of proposed houses! I cannot understand how 4,000 houses can even be contemplated in an area already congested with traffic, much of which is HGVs. This is a HUGE development which will change the nature and character of the existing villages, create pollution, ecological damage and have a detrimental effect on the lives of people who already live there.

The A10 is already a constant flow of traffic throughout the villages of West Winch and Setchey. To head to King's Lynn from my house requires me to cross the traffic which, even as it is, is dangerous and risky. In the summer, with holiday traffic heading to the coast, tail backs reach back to Setchey. The Hardwick roundabout is a dangerous and total nightmare any time of day but in the summer, traffic often comes to a standstill with the A149 (the only road to the coast) completely blocked leading to caravans blocking accesses from the other routes. How many cars could be generated from 4,000 houses? Most families are at least 2 car families. I cannot even begin to imagine what the traffic would be like if they all decided to go to the coast! I don't understand how somebody like me can see that the proposal is ludicrous yet planners can't!

Where are the residents of the new houses going to work? There is no longer any significant industry in King's Lynn. If they are commuters, the option is driving into King's Lynn to the station (it cannot be assumed they will cycle to the station) or drive to Watlington or Downham Market station or drive to their place of work, in which case the traffic will use the A10 coming through Setchey. This increase of traffic could be in the hundreds or potentially thousands of extra cars creating pollution and noise in a small, rural community. In any of the cases, no doubt congestion will be created at Oakwood corner roundabout. Children living in this area are already at risk cycling to and from West Winch on the cycle path due to the volume of traffic and the draught created from the HGVs

The village of Setchey must be bypassed if a development of this size is allowed. We must not be ignored and totally disregarded. These are our homes, our lives and our well-being does matter.

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