

Wyre Planning
Wyre Council
Civic Centre
Breck Road
FY67PU



Dear Mr Glover

Date: 16/01/2021

Objection to Planning Application 20/01296/OUTMAJ.
Alternative reference PP-09342441
Outline application for up to 41 dwellings (Land Off School Lane, Forton)

I write to object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

1. This appears to be a duplicate application, identical to that submitted and subsequently rejected in September 2019 under application number 19/01000/OUTMAJ that was rejected due the following reasons.
 - The site is outside the settlement boundary of Forton in the Wyre local plan.
 - The large sycamore and oak trees that set the scenery for this area in Forton both having tree preservation orders on them, blocking school lane from being expanded.
 - The site not being in a sustainable location for access to local services and amenities
2. The site access from the existing cul de sac (chapel close) I believe would be in adequate and unfair on the existing owners of properties on chapel close. Something I wish to be considered is the traffic passing through chapel close causing an issue with debris on the road and pollution with the associated construction vehicles coming and leaving throughout the days. It should also be considered if once completed chapel close is large enough to safely allow the traffic created by the 41 dwellings.
3. Access to chapel close off school lane is limited. All traffic going to and from the site would have to travel down school lane, more importantly the primary route to access the site would be from the A6 down school lane towards chapel close. School lane converts into a single-track lane after the Wallace lane junction meaning all traffic coming to the site would have to do so through a single-track lane that also provides access to willow close and the houses off school lane. I would also like to highlight that all construction vehicles would have to travel past the school on the single-track lane part of the road and this would create a further risk to the children, parents and staff attending the school both in a morning and in the evening as children are coming and going, I know this is a risk as school lane gets immensely busy at both these times of day with cars often parked on both sides off school lane.
4. I do not feel the site would provide sufficient drainage in the centre of the proposed plans. Personally, having moved to Forton in October 2020 we have begun exploring the local public footpaths the existing public right of way (2-11-FP-7) was impassable due to flooding where there is currently a bridge joining into the field where the proposed dwellings would be situated. This would mean that the dwellings marked on the site plan as plot 7 and 8 would be more susceptible to flooding especially since it would likely be the lowest part of the site.
5. Impact on local wildlife, there is currently a small pond and drainage ditch that is not marked on the proposed plans, I know that there are many wild ducks, and I am sure plenty more wildlife that use this pond and ditch to nest on and around during the day and night. These ducks currently fly between a few small ponds in the local area one of these ponds is the pond marked on the map between the school and chapel close. I feel the disruption and pollution would drive these wild animals out of the area where they would over-populate somewhere else and likely not survive further reducing the already declining population of wild ducks.

6. With the traffic created by this proposed development combined with the current local traffic and combined with the potential traffic from 18_00469_OULMAJ (that was taken to committee on the 4/11/2020 with the recommendation to permit) all this traffic combined would create too much strain on the already busy junction where school lane joins the A6.
7. Strain on local amenities I do not believe the local area can support this amount of development in the village with all the new developments in the Hollins lane area of Forton combined with potential development I mentioned above (18_00469_OULMAJ) would put strain on the local school. Not only this but there would also be increased traffic on local public footpaths that I can believe have not changed for some time.
8. I think there should be some attention paid to who's responsibility it would be to maintain the area behind the 5m tall fence marked on the proposed site plans within the 65m of the cricket square I think it would be unfair of the cricket club to be assumed to take responsibility of this area and I do not think any developer will take responsibility of this area either. My concern is this area will be left and will become overgrown and encourage vermin such as rats to move in on the area. This also should apply for the shared open space marked on the plan.

I hope you consider the points I have raised.

