

To whom it may concern,

I wish to object to the inclusion of the above land in the draft plan for Melton. I understand this site is said to be able to accommodate 42 houses:

- It is hard to see how houses on the land could be accessed from existing roads which are of restricted width and all dead end roads
- If new roads are to be built within the site to give access to it this would mean at least one more road feeding out into the narrow and congested High Street.
- There is no room for two way traffic along the majority of High Street due to parked vehicles
- Additional hazards would be created for horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians and make progress along the street by all users more and more slow and difficult
- There is a sharp bend at either end of this road. The one near the shop is particularly hazardous as most of the time vehicles heading east are having to take a chance to get round the corner on the wrong side of the road risking being in a collision with oncoming vehicles.
- In short the village road infrastructure cannot cope with the additional traffic a sizable development would bring
- The whole character of the village will be ruined by a large number of new houses in one place. Such a large development cannot blend in and preserve the rural nature of the location
- Somerby is located in an important area of recreational pursuits and tourism- walking, riding, cycling the last of which has increased manifold over recent years. The pollution, additional risk of traffic accidents, noise etc will have a detrimental effect on these activities and risk affecting local businesses (riding school, pub, shop, B & B's) which gain from them.
- Access is completely insufficient and impractical for that needed by HGV's and builders traffic should development go ahead
- It is not just Somerby which will suffer, it will bring more traffic through surrounding villages. I mention particularly Burrough (again 2 sharp bends and a considerable degree of on street parking) which is the route toward Leicester the nearest city.
- It seems to be that each proposed site in Somerby (this being the third) is more and more ridiculous in order that the local people will agree to the first one as the best of a bad lot
- Somerby can and has accommodated some infill residences but certainly not a large number of houses tacked onto the edge
- It's a non starter

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