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Dear Sirs

Re : Objection to possible building at Dozule and next to Leonard Stanley School PS16 AND PS42

I would like my objection to be considered for the above. This land retains water and is very marshy and since Saxon Gate development was built, it has got worse and land behind bungalows in Dozule where it is proposed to build dwellings is saturated. We told planners when Saxon Gate building was discussed how wet and marshy this area is (hence the name Marsh Lane). I understand that there has been problems in this development with sewerage and some flooding, plus damp for both Saxon Gate and Lioncourt developments. The fields are wetter now than ever has been and some people in Dozule have had a problem with sewerage. I understand that the sewage capacity in Dozule has already been reached. We ourselves are now experiencing toilet paper not being flushed the first time.

However, the main objection is the roads or rather the state of the roads. Since Saxon Gate commenced we have been subject through the village but mostly Mankley Road and going up past Highborder Lodge (an residential home for the elderly) and Dozule with heavy lorries, equipment , noise, dirt, dust and damage to the environment. You only have to see road outside the village hall where water has collected under tarmac and although attended to several times, is now bad again and has cones all around it. Severn Water said it is not their problem but due to water coming from the new development. The roads in the village were built for a village and not the amount of traffic we now have due to this new development and now with the probability that more houses will be built, there is no way we can cope with more traffic or our road structure. Cars and vans park both sides of the road coming into Leonard Stanley and it is like 'in and out' of windows trying to get in and out of our village. Its an accident waiting to happen, particularly as newcomers literally drive faster than they should.

The infrastructure for both school, doctors etc is inadequate now the new developments have been built even though new people were told no problem with getting their children into schools. Most people have two children of school age and naturally want their children to go to school where they live. At no time should the school playing fields be used for extending the school, the problem with obese children is partly due to lack of exercise and playing fields should mean what they say! The roads are terrible , resulting in some of us having to have car tyres replaced and I myself fell down and damaged the cartilage in my right knee due to the undulations in the pavements due to being constantly dug up and then tarmaced. People on mobility scooters feel unsafe and liable to tip over.

Dozule Close has a weight limit of 7 tons and Marsh Lane has had the road ripped up nearly in half by huge lorries and equipment. Dozule has a daily problem with people parking right on corner and into Dozule itself, making it difficult to see as you enter this small development. To build on the strip of land in Dozule means an entrance from somewhere, meaning more lorries, noise etc. We have had our fair share of this over the past few years with some of us even having it at our backs due to the Mankley Road estate being dismantled and rebuilt. Dozule Close is used by children, parents with prams and pushchairs, plus cars to take their children to school and to have lorries etc in this small two lane road is dangerous. Also the majority of residents in Dozule are elderly (that is why they move to bungalows) and its not only the noise, dust, pollution etc but our nerves that suffer as well. We have had several years of disruption to our lives and seeing our village change in front of our eyes (not for the good). We have a lot of wildlife in the hedges and trees on this strip of land, including lots of sparrows (which are diminishing in the UK), plus green woodpeckers which sometimes walk on our lawns. At our ages we should be enjoying the remainder of our lives, not being unable to sit outside in our gardens due to the constant noise, loud music, shouting etc from builders and constantly wiping down paintwork and windows.

I understood that after fighting against Saxon Gate development and losing, we were told there would be no more development by us – a lie it seems.

We are not against housing, as everyone has the right to have a home but are totally against building on this small strip of land at the side of Dozule. Also feel that Leonard Stanley has had its fair share and that the GCC should look elsewhere to build. The village had a wonderful community going and this is slowly being destroyed by more and more houses – the owners of which work elsewhere and commute daily. I think the Council should have a duty of care to us the residents, we have had enough of disruption, our roads and pavements damaged, noise of heavy machinery and dirty lorries through the village bringing in building material, bleeping of reversing machinery, dust and pollution etc.

Please consider us for once and build somewhere where there is a better sewerage system, road structure etc and not spoil our lives yet again.

