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Dear Sir or Madam

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - BROOKLAND TERRACE

Further to the Public Notice regarding the proposed housing development of Brookland Terrace/Westminster Avenue, I wish to register my opposition to this development.

I have looked at the documents on your website and, in particular, to this section:

“The development boundary however is only a small portion of the site designated in the above documents with **significant space** to the East of the proposed development retained.”

Please can you tell me where the ‘significant’ space is? The land is small and cannot possibly be seen as spacious enough for this size of development.

“The Green Space Strategy sets out the vision to provide spaces that are **attractive, safe, accessible and well managed**. It also states the importance to look at how sites can be **enhanced or adapted to improve the overall appearance of the area.**”

How can this space be enhanced by building houses on a green field? It will be an eyesore – not attractive or safe or accessible due to the lack of roads and too much traffic as it is.

“The site as existing is a vacant grassed area of land, therefore the proposed development gives us an **opportunity to enhance the site by creating a new street frontage, improve housing in the local area and create attractive planting and features to improve its value.**”

How can housing enhance a grassed area of land? It will not improve housing just increase housing and the amount of people in an already over-populated village. It seems this is again just about money – to increase the value of houses not the quality of life of its residents.



"To further justify the development this document highlights the **abundance of Designated Open Space in the area**, demonstrating how the loss of this site for development **would not impact on the surrounding area**.

Where is this abundance of space? Already there are plans to decimate Murton Village not to mention that the school, pub and playground have already been replaced with housing. Norham Road – also nearby has been highlighted as building land. The area has already been over-populated, too many cars, insufficient amenities and now more people!

The area was designated as a Bio-Diversity area a month ago – how is it now to be built on? The idea seemed to be to allow the wild life and flowers of the area to flourish – now it is to be chopped down! The development will require the cutting down of many trees; the habitat of many birds and wildlife and destroying the play area which has been enjoyed by many residents and their families before them and an area which I hope to be able to raise my children on.

Please consider the points I have made and let the residents enjoy the small piece of land that is all we have left of the original 'Village'.

Yours sincerely

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