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Darnlee, Darnick

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing to voice our concerns regarding the planning proposal to develop the site at Darnlee in Darnick and would like to have you register the reasons for our concerns and therefore our objection.

1: Road safety - Darnick is a very old historic village which was established and evolved long before motor cars were invented. As such and with the narrow main road going through the village it regularly experiences traffic congestion already and parking for local residents is a real issue since most of the houses in the village centre do not have garages or parking spaces and therefore often use the section of road in front of Darnlee House for parking as the only available suitable spot locally.

Parking issues and obstruction caused by limited parking availability is bad enough at the moment and another development would only aggravate the situation as well as the busy junction at Abbotsford Road to become even hazardous.

2: The green belt. The villagers besides many others enjoy the Community woodland and area round about and it is a haven for wildlife and also space for community activities. Any reduction of this lovely space for our village which has no other community area beside the small children's play park would be a travesty.

The walkup Broomieles Road to Abbotsford or Cauldshield Loch etc is very popular with families etc and an increased presence of vehicles on the road would be dangerous.

The whole idea of further development in Darnick, we believe, would be detrimental to our area and we would hope that you consider our comments carefully before coming to a decision. Thank you,

Yours sincerely,
Mr & Mrs E & J Butchart