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From: Johnston, Charles on behalf of localplan  
Sent: 28 February 2014 10:29  
To: 'Simon McAree'  
Cc: Ruthven, Karen  
Subject: RE: Proposed plan St Aiden's AGATT007

Dear Mr McAree

Thank-you for taking the time to make a response to the proposed Plan.

You will receive a formal acknowledgement in due course and a response to the points you make. Please accept this e-mail in the interim as a receipt of your comments.

Regards

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Principal Planning officer  
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From: Simon McAree  
Sent: 27 February 2014 22:42  
To: localplan  
Subject: Proposed plan St Aiden's AGATT007

Dear Mr Wanless,


We have reviewed the proposed plan for St Aiden's in Gattonside. We have several queries in response to your letter 6th December 2013.

The first set of questions is regarding the amount of traffic.

1. The size of the project is considerable with 40 units, the likely 80 cars and the added business on the B6360 is a key concern.
2. Traffic through Gattonside does not often travel within speed limits (feels like it any way). Are there any plans for traffic calming measures?
3. The paving along this road is narrow especially at the west end of Gattonside and it can be harrowing walking especially with children. Are there any plans to alter the wall and have a path that you could push a buggy along without going into the road?
4. What safety assurances do you have for construction traffic taking these tight corners at the west end of Gattonside?
5. Baker Street is a real asset to Gattonside to allow children to ride their bikes and walkers taking a stroll to Melrose via the chain bridge. The traffic should be limited to residents of Baker Street.

The second major concern is the strain on local services.  
For example  $40 \times 2.4 = 96$  so 3 extra classes of school children.

Thirdly we would wish to echo the late Marjorie Clark on the amount of wildlife in the area. We have had the pleasure of seeing deer, badger, pheasant, evening displays of bats and owl hooting by night on our land.



On a more selfish note. Our sewage drains into the septic tank at the West Lodge. Do we have assurances of continued service via this septic tank or conection to the new mains at the developers expense.