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22 December 2020

Dear Sir

Application Number: 18/00006/FUL Land East of Howden Drive, Jedburgh, Scottish Borders

I refer to your letter of 2 November 2020 regarding a planning application for the development described above and wish to make the following comments.

There appears to be a future footpath at the side of 18 Howden Drive, Jedburgh which currently has a pavement which is used by 20 Howden Drive and 18 Howden Drive, Jedburgh. There is also car parking space beside this pavement and a small car park near the electrical sub-station which is for the houses in this part of the street. Does this mean that the developers want to use the car parking space beside this pavement for a footpath? The property was sold with reference to car parking space.

Some people drive their cars or delivery vehicles quickly from the main road round the corner which leads onto the car parking spaces or the small car park. It is tight for space and is a **safety concern especially for children** when cars and pedestrians currently meet in this area.

At its worst, there can be a car parked on the roadside corner of 12 Howden Drive and the top corner of 12 Howden Drive leading to the small car park, a car parked on the corner of 26 Howden Drive, a car parked outside 18 Howden Drive for a short time and a delivery vehicle trying to manoeuvre. The current resident of 28 Howden Drive does not have a car but a future resident could park a car at the roadside corner of that house. Visitors to No 18 often complain of the hazards and difficulty they have trying manouevre their cars to get to No 18 and also their vision being blocked when driving back onto the road if there is a car parked on the corner.

As there is a bus stop outside 12 Howden Drive, Jedburgh, the bin lorry has to drive past this bus stop and residents from probably 2 to 28 Howden Drive leave their bins at the side of 12 Howden Drive or 26/28 Howden Drive.

Please see the attached a drawing of the area which is a guide but may not be 100% accurate.

Also, there doesn't seem to be any useful purpose for a footpath when the residents of the proposed development can quite easily use the exit which is currently a gate leading on to Lothian Road and walk a few yards into Howden Drive for a bus stop, walk to a bus shelter in Howdenburn Court or walk down Lothian Road to the shop and pet shop.

I raised the above points with the planning office by telephone when this plan was first proposed and was advised that the above would be in the next phase. Thank you for taking the time to read these comments.

Yours faithfully

