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Mr Mike Parkes,
Principal Planning Officer,
Harrogate Borough Council,
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Dear Mr. Parkes,

Ref; "17/03414/EIAMAJ"

Proposed MSA at Kirby Hill, Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire.

We are writing to strongly object to the planning application referenced above proposing the development of a motorway service station, (MSA), at Kirby Hill for the fourth time of asking. We do so on the same grounds as we strongly objected to the previous three applications and our reasons are set out below;

- There is no need for a motorway service station (MSA) at this location as there is already an MSA, serving the A1(M), 12 miles away at Wetherby to the south, and Leeming Bar Services which has an upgrade imminent, which is a similar distance to the north.
- These proposals are inappropriate on such a large-scale, in the open, rural farming landscape at Kirby Hill and would cause significant harm to this sensitive landscape when there is no need.
- The 43 acre MSA development, with its proposed mounding and landscaping, is out of character with the surrounding area and would not, and could not integrate into this large open environment.
- Skelton Mill, which is an important historic, and much loved local landmark would be severely adversely affected by this proposed development.
- The proposal with its elevated roundabout, and new bridge, over the A1(M) would be a huge visual intrusion by day and illuminated by night.
- Long range views across our wonderful open countryside, precious to all the local people, would be lost by a dominant MSA development.

- Farming is one of the mainstays of our local economy and taking top quality agricultural land for such a development is unacceptable.
- The existing infrastructure, especially sewerage infrastructure, would have difficulty coping with such a development as it is stretched to cope with the expansion of much needed local housing.

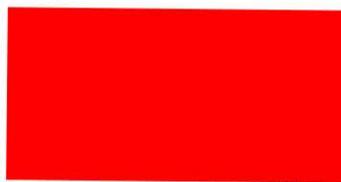
Developments such as this MSA proposal have been proposed three times, and opposed three times, in the last twenty years, and been rejected by the Secretary of State on each occasion after Public Enquiries. These rejections were for a very good reason there is NO NEED.

We therefore ask that you **reject** this proposal for the reasons set out above.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. David Maltby.



Mrs Sandra Maltby.