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Planning application for Motorway Services at Kirby Hill near Boroughbridge, North Yorkshire.

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Dear Sir

I would like to express my strong objection to the proposal to build a Motorway Services very close to the historic settlement of Kirby Hill.

First of all, there is simply no need for this development as the A1(M) is already well served to the South by the services at Deighton while to the North the upgrading of the A1 to motorway status is nearing completion meaning that the Leeming site can and will be upgraded to full motorway services status. The decision of the then Secretary of State was that this should be the outcome and obviously, the fact that Leeming is a brownfield site has many advantages and was, I believe, the main reason for the Secretary of State's decision.

Moving on to the proposed development at Kirby Hill, I am astonished that yet another planning application has been submitted as the site has been judged unsuitable at 3 public enquiries. It is quite obvious why this is the case and this application shows a complete lack of respect for the Secretary of State, Harrogate Borough Council and the residents and Parish Councils of Kirby Hill and surrounding parishes.

The proposed site would cover most of the area of one of the largest tracts of Grade 1 agricultural land in North Yorkshire. In these days of uncertainty following the vote to leave the EU it would be criminal to cover this land with concrete. We simply do not know what food shortages there may be.

The large open landscape at Kirby Hill is treasured by local residents. Our property has views across to the Hambleton Hills and visitors gasp when looking out of our windows. An MSA cannot possibly be integrated into this landscape and again, damage would be permanent. There would be a huge impact on local residents, not only visibly but also by noise and light pollution with possible undesirables making it

certain that we will see an increase in crime. Kirby Hill is a typical peaceful English village but is nevertheless sensitive to harm. This harm can simply not be justified. When attending Applegreen's presentation at the Crown Hotel I noticed an unwillingness to discuss a rear entrance for goods and staff, both needing many vehicles to do their business, indeed I saw no sign of such an entrance on any maps or drawings. We now know why! It seems this large amount of traffic will use the B6265 for its rear entrance. While this part of the B6265 is relatively straight, because of this it can also be extremely fast and with the usual through traffic, entrances to local properties, the turn off to Newby Hall with its popular weekend events plus a vast amount of slow moving farm traffic this would create extra unnecessary danger, I say unnecessary because as I hope I have shown, the proposal is flawed, undesirable and completely unnecessary.

I trust you will give full consideration to my letter and that you will feel that you must recommend to HBC that they reject this application.

Yours sincerely

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