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Dear Mr Perks
Planning Application 17/12491/FUL
My wife and I are both strongly opposed to this planning application for the following reasons.
1. It would adversely affect the character and appearance of this particular section of Main Street, Keevil, where there are a number of listed and older properties. The location of the proposed development lies within a designated Conservation Area, the purpose of which is to protect these very characteristics.
2. In 2003, the Keevil Village Design Statement was published setting out a number of guidelines for future planning matters. One of these stated that "open space or gaps, which make a significant contribution to the character or appearance of the street scene should be protected".
It is clear that the close proximity of the proposed new dwellings would comprehensively destroy the setting in which Little Talboys is located. It is a fascinating property, having a great many rare, historic architectural features and the open space which it enjoys, enhances these features. This is also applicable to a number of other nearby older and listed buildings. One of the reasons why we chose to move to Keevil was because of the variety of interesting, older houses within such a unique village setting.
3. We also fear that if this application were to be approved that it could open the way to other applications for infill developments resulting in further damage to the characteristics of the area which are supposed to be protected by the planning authority.
4. As to the size of the proposed new houses, we believe that it is not unreasonable to assume that this could potentially generate four additional vehicles which would be turning in and out of the new driveway onto a village road that is already overloaded at certain times of the day.
5. We understand that there is no requirement for houses of the proposed size in the village and therefore local housing needs will not in any case be satisfied.
We hope that you will give the above points due consideration and we will look forward to hearing from you.
Yours sincerely
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