

We oppose elements of this Application

We listened to the presentation by Mr McAdam to HTC regarding the changes made and, having also looked at some of the main documents would comment as follows:

1) The blocks of flats planned to be at the top most point of the hill are **still very much a 4 storey block**. The terminology and the roof line can be changed, but the block is still in essence a 4 level living space. This is still completely unacceptable in that location due to the height, dominance over the landscape and the lack of aesthetics of its positioning.
This was from our original Objection: The Design, Access & Compliance Statement says: ***“High ground at the eastern part of the site, north of Boyton Hall, is more visually sensitive and should be considered during the development of the masterplan” & “The Council would not be supportive of 4 storey elements particularly on the northern parcel”***. The revised plans do not take this document into account.

At, I believe, the last two meetings, Mr McAdam was asked to provide an artists impression of the view from Ann Suckling Road looking up across the site. This has still not been provided and we do wonder if it would support our concerns about the visual impact of the blocks.

2) The site now contains even more houses – how can this be? We thought the idea would be to merge/make similar the look of the new estate as it comes to the edge of the Boyton Hall estate. If you need to build more houses, build them elsewhere on the new estate where they won't impact on the look of Boyton Hall Estate.
This was from our original Objection: The DA&C also states: Pg 5: ***Lower density areas should include the easternmost end of the site and areas around Boyton Hall, where a lower density will reflect the existing pattern of residential use***. The revised plans do not take this document into account.

3) There has now been a move of a Football field to a point nearer to 2B, which, we understand is to take into account the need for 'green space'. I personally do not want to go and walk around a Football field! I can't see anywhere on the 2B drawings where any green space has been provided.
Again from our original Objection: The DA&C states: Pg 8: b) ***Identify and protect tranquil areas which have remained relatively undisturbed by noise and are prized for their recreational and amenity value for this reason***. How is this being adhered to in this revised plan?

4) Allotments: We still have concerns over these and feel they could just become an eyesore if left and not cared for (look at the Allotments on the corner of Duddery Hill and Hollands Road - a mess). There was a comment made about a **Community Orchard**. We feel this would be a much better option for that strip of land – it would provide a green space, environment for some of the wildlife that will be evicted from the site and would be a barrier of green against the buildings on 2B. We would very much support this, rather than the Allotments.