Darley Dale Neighbourhood Plan

Regeneration and Policy

Derbyshire Dales District Council

The Town Hall

Bank Road

Matlock DE4 3NN

Dear Sir/Madam

Neighbourhood Plan

Section 10

As a resident of 45 years I have watched the erosion of open spaces along the A6 between Matlock and Darley Dale. I have made objections to the loss of these areas to no avail. A green corridor is an illusion of the past.

There is now further encroachment in areas parallel to the A6 up the hillside. As allocated sites there are a further 57 houses planned off Old Hackney Lane adjacent to the Darley House Estate. 9 others have already been built infilling another valuable green space higher up the lane. This must be the last!!! The green spaces along the lane are important to the appearance of the landscape from the other side of the valley. They form a break between Upper and Lower Hackney. Do not erode what few areas of green are left.

The neighbourhood plan must address the need to stop any further development on Old Hackney Lane.
The Old Hackney Lane/Darley House Estate development is likely to generate more than 110 cars using the lane. The lane is narrow with hazardous bends along its length, (I live on one.) In places it is too narrow for vehicles to pass in opposite directions. The pavements are already well used by school children, visitors to the Whitworth Hospital and many others. Pedestrians are constantly in danger as cars drive close to the pavement and at speed. Walkers have to stop until vehicles pass. Even now we need more evident speed restriction signs, dangerous bend signs and children crossing signage before the proposed development occurs. The safety of residents and those using our lanes and roads must be addressed within the plan.

As in so many of the lanes of Darley Dale the pavements of Old Hackney Lane are bounded by stone walls. These must be kept to maintain the character of the area when the new development is built.

Yours sincerely