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Local Plan Examinations
Cambridge City
And
South Cambridgeshire

Statement

SC5A.4 H/1:d Land north of Impington Lane, Histon & Impington

Histon & Impington Parish Council

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Impington Lane, Impington

Statement to the Inspectors

HIPC is very concerned about the potential extended development behind Impington lane.

1. The absence of a proper two lane direct access with safe sight lines onto the 30 mph Impington Lane. The suggested access is just below a small brow in the road, and we question the safety of this junction in such close proximity of that to Merrington Place
2. Access through Merrington Place would mean even more traffic (scale depending on the scale of new development) into a junction (with two bus stops within 50m) which is already proving (by accidents and near misses occurring) to be unsafe
3. The flood risk, including the implication on the neighbouring Merrington Place where the developers put in an extensive drainage provision to just meet the requirements.
4. The numbers (including many infants on scooters) using the Impington Lane in both directions to access two junior schools and one village college at each end of Impington: as they pass on the narrow footpaths they often have to step out into the minimum size roadway. We fear even more traffic will further endanger the pedestrian traffic.
5. Village facilities (such as the single Doctors' surgery and sole Post Office) are already stretched beyond capacity.

Pre-application advice has already been sought for extensive development around the Histon & Impington stop on the Guideway that will add nearly 90 flats and houses, with applications expected before the end of 2016.

Development of any size on this site will most likely therefore be the "straw that breaks the camel's back".

We do not believe that it is necessary or prudent to include the site in the Local Plan, but if it is, the number of dwellings should be limited to the number indicated by SCDC