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Dear Sir

In regard to **Planning Application reference number 21 NP0016**, I would like to object to this for the following reasons:-

1:- **Parking and access.** Numbers 2 and 3 Gallowlaw have no off-road parking provision; this results in householders having to park on the highway in front of the house, which I have to do in order to allow my disabled partner to get in and out of the car for doctors and hospital appointments. I cannot push him to and from the visitor's car park in a wheelchair even if this was changed to just allow residents of the village to park there, as it is too far, I am too old and we have nowhere else to park other than the road. Therefore all the entrances off the road into each proposed house (5 including the current field entrance) clutters the highway, and the occupants of those houses would find it very difficult to access their drives on a now busy road, without colliding with vehicles parked legally on the highway. Surely **access to the proposed houses could be via the current field access**. The 2 bungalows to the east of the site share one entrance, which is set further back from the road than the present wall of the developer's field.

2:- **Affordability of the proposed houses.** The size of the proposed houses and therefore the price, puts them out of the reach of young local people in the immediate vicinity who would love to stay in the area they were brought up in. If more than five dwellings are built (which the site could easily accommodate), then according to your **Northumberland National Park Land Plan**, 50% of the dwellings provided will be affordable thus helping young people stay in their natal area. They appear to be designed for middle aged to retired people with very large incomes or huge savings. This housing that would have been a benefit to the community (more children for the local school), if

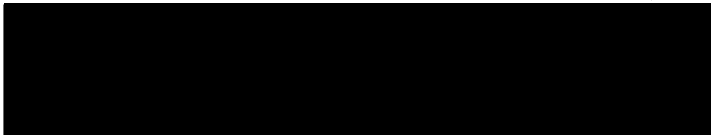
allowed in this incarnation would help to increase the already high age demography of the present population putting more strain on services such as the doctors.

**3:- Development.** This new development is not in-fill and would be an extension of the hamlet. Surely new development on the outskirts of the hamlet should benefit the community, rather than just a developer who has lived in the village since about 1993 **not** 1972 as incorrectly stated in his planning statement!

**4:- Alwinton has 21 dwellings** including a pub and farm, of these **2 are second homes and 4 are holiday homes**, surely this is more than enough. Alwinton does not need more houses that are for investment, it needs homes for ordinary local people to live in and hopefully young families.

**In conclusion.** I am not against appropriate development in the hamlet, but I think that it should benefit the community; be an asset to both locals and visitors alike, using appropriately sized houses that fit aesthetically into Alwinton and its surrounding countryside; without causing problems to those already living there.

Yours faithfully,

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