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27th May 2026

Your ref. ELB2216 219082, Proposed Residential Development at The Moor, Melbourn

Thank you for your letter dated 19th May, concerning the proposed development at The Moor, Melbourn. Having considered your letter, may I make the following comments.

My comments fall under two broad headings:-

- a) Sewage
- b) Infrastructure

The sewage issues are well known in the area and fall under two headings:-

- 1. Storm overflows
- 2. Foul water back-ups

The storm overflows occur during period of heavy rain or groundwater inundation, resulting in the local network becoming overwhelmed. This triggers storm overflows that discharge raw and partially treated sewage into the River Mel.

The residential foul water back-ups issue is also well documented. Some localised areas of the village suffer from foul water blockages and back-ups. The concern is that with ongoing and future developments, the village has raised strong objections that adding more homes to the current system will worsen both street level flooding and river pollution.

While the impact of the proposed development to the storm overflow issue may be negligible, the foul water back-ups issue is one that is likely to be negatively impacted by the proposal.

Moving to the infrastructure issue, we note that The Moor has been struggling with increased vehicular access over a number of years as the numbers of houses has increased. Thatcher Stanfords Close was developed in the 1980's and 1990's and since then, developments have been added with Dickasons/Moat Lane, the residential properties adjacent to Moorlands, Piggots close and Cooks Garden. There have been other developments along The Moor itself. Each of these has been adding to the vehicular traffic that uses The Moor, whether residents themselves, or other traffic that serves the properties, such as delivery vans. In addition, the businesses at the far end of the Moor, have been growing resulting in yet more cars and vans using The Moor and needing car parking space at the bottom end of The Moor. A further issue is the amount of cars parking on The Moor near Vehicle technical Solutions and Lordship Drive that results in a single lane being available for vehicles most of the time. This particularly

impacts the cars vans and buses serving the school at start and end of the school day and makes access especially difficult for residents at those times.

There is also a considerable amount of traffic that uses The Moor other than for the residents. The Village College. Little Hands Nursery, the Playground users and the sports activities using the playing fields behind the village college and opposite the village college all result in significant numbers of cars using The Moor. The demand for parking cars is such that when a football competition is held, car parking extends as far as into Thatcher Stanfords Close, making access to and exit from the Close difficult.

The increasing traffic also presents risks to the users, and with the Village College, nursery and the sheltered accommodation for the elderly, there are vulnerable groups who are at risk from the traffic movements.

With the level of development that has taken place, The Moor has reached a point where residents feel that it is time to say that enough is enough and that we need to stand against proposed further developments. There are things that could be done to improve the infrastructure, particularly with improving the flow of traffic down The Moor.

My wife and I believe that we speak for many of the residents when we say that we cannot support the current proposal.

Best regards

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Cc Melbourn Parish Counsel