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Dear Sir/Madam,

While I understand the need for the provision of additional housing in the UK I also feel that the destruction of prime farm land to further this aim is less than ideal. There are numerous unused brown field or previous industrial sites throughout the area which could be put to this use. However, there is little chance of the above development from being stopped at this stage in the process, I would therefore like to have the following comments taken into consideration when progressing with the development.

- The **identity of the village of Essington** is very well defined despite several waves of housing development taking place in the village over the last 50 years or so. This identity must be preserved. The inclusion of a country park area, as in your published plan, to separate the development from the existing village of Essington is a **vital inclusion**. This must continue into the realisation phases.
- The amount of **traffic** flowing through the village of Essington is already at a level which is borderline safe, particularly **around the school** (St. Johns Primary Academy), with at least one **accident** involving children in the last 12 months. It is very important that access to the new development is **steered away from the village**, particularly near the school. This applies both during the construction phase and thereafter with ongoing, day to day, vehicular access. **Road infrastructure** improvements providing easy access (and away from the village of Essington) to the M54 and M6, together with the surrounding area, must be implemented in time to **absorb the additional traffic** from the development.
- Preservation of the various **public footpaths**, which cross and are adjacent to the development, is very important as they are regularly used by many people from the surrounding area. Providing much needed access to the outdoors for their **wellbeing**. The countryside aspects of these footpaths must be preserved as much as possible.

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Regards

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