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To: [LDP](#)
Subject: Ref LDP2021 NN - Proposed Development at R1, Blackburn - OBJECTION
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To whom it may concern.

I write to object the above referenced proposal for allotments at R1, Blackburn.

I reside at no [REDACTED] which is directly opposite the proposed development site.

There is currently an access road for the water tower which is used frequently by the water board. If this is blocked by cars, which it sometimes is already, then the water board could not obtain access. This in my opinion will happen much more often with the increase in cars parking to visit the allotments.

It has previously been said that visitors to the allotments would drive to them but this is not practical as users would require to carry tools, plants etc which being at the top of quite a hill (Averon Park), would not be possible for older or infirm people that may use the allotments.

There is a turning point at the top of Averon Park which is desperately needed for the top four households ([REDACTED] [REDACTED]) for exiting their driveways due to the positioning of them.

With these four households in mind, if there are any cars that were to park opposite them, this would cause obstructions for anyone wishing to exit their driveway.

The site in question is on a hill which is constantly wet and boggy, even in the summer time. This would cause problems for users as growing plants etc would prove difficult.

I think that the proposal for allotments is old fashioned and not really required in this day and age with most people in the village having their own gardens.

My husband runs his own gardening business and strangely, three of the people that mentioned their interest via Facebook hire him to maintain their own gardens so why would they require additional land if they cannot maintain their own?

In my opinion, the allotments will be a novelty to start and that novelty will wear off quickly which will then mean the land opposite will be left unattended, wasted & become unsightly.

At the moment it is a great area for kids to play, picnic, sledge in winter and for people to exercise their dogs etc. I think it would be such a shame to have this taken away.

I trust my thoughts above will be reviewed and concerns will be taken into consideration.

I look forward to your reply.

Laura Simpson

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