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The following is a comment on application '**P171532/O**' by '**Peter and Diana Carter**'

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment:

We have lived at The Frith for 39 years and have seen Ledbury change a great deal over the decades, most of it for the better. Some years ago, when the proposal to allow building to the north of the viaduct was originally mooted, with the principal access through the viaduct and a second access off the Bromyard Road, we were not opposed. However, there were questions: • is the land itself suitable for house-building? Flooding is an issue. The land in question lies low on the Leadon flood plain, which is why the line of the old canal, which followed the lowest lying land, goes through it; and • the land in question is at a sufficient distance from the town of Ledbury to suggest that all journeys to and from the new development will be made by private car and/or public transport. This would add very considerably to the strain on Ledbury's existing road and car parking resources. However, well planned and generously executed access from the new development directly onto the A438/Leadon Way roundabout would at least get traffic on and off the new development without major problems. However, all has changed with the suggestion that there will be only one access, off the Bromyard Road. This suggestion is both foolish and dangerous. Foolish because there are already times when congestion at the A438/B4214 junction gives rise to long delays for traffic on the B4214. As regular users of that road, we know full well how busy it can get. At present, the delays are tolerable. It is also the case that it is impossible for large lorries to negotiate the turn from the A438 to the B4214 without their using the full road-width to get around the bend. With common sense, good manners and patience, this is accommodated. However, add greater congestion to the mix so that patience wears thin and conditions will be ripe for an accident. That itself carries danger. The element of danger is greatly increased when one considers the inevitable need to get emergency services to the proposed new development. This is not idle theory: it is going to happen that the police, an ambulance or the fire service will need to get there fast. Two problems lurk: getting past the A438/B4214 junction at a busy time and then trekking out along the Bromyard Road to the proposed new roundabout before, at least in case of the ambulance, retracing its steps. This is beyond foolish and dangerous. It is downright irresponsible.

Attachment:

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