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To: Planning Enquiries <planning_enquiries@herefordshire.gov.uk>
Subject: OBJECTIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION 240468. GREYHOUND CLOSE. LONGTOWN

Dear Sirs,
We wish to object to the planning application 240468, Re Greyhound Close,
Longtown, Herefordshire.

We attach our detailed objection and two photos.

Best Regards
Chris & Gill Haywood

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SEWAGE

Sewage has been regularly dumped from the Longtown 40+ year old sewage treatment plant directly into the river, and ultimately into the river Wye, and photographic evidence has been included in previous letters of objection. The river Wye is currently the subject of much debate on the dire state it is now in. The proposed development would have an immediate and profoundly detrimental effect on the rivers Monnow and Wye.

During the planning meeting on 29th June 2022 the late Local Ward Councillor Peter Jinman succinctly explained that Welsh Water do not consider the excess human sewage to be a problem, because any surplus sewage is simply dumped into the river (where we swim) so there is no problem!

I would like to comment that Welsh Water have no plans whatsoever to fix the problem, and the applicant has remained **totally** silent on this crucial aspect of her proposed speculative development.

Also, in the letter from Welsh Water dated 20th March 2024 they confirm that the Longtown sewage plant does **not** have a phosphate permit, and “that this matter **WILL** need to be considered further by the local planning authority”

The lack of a phosphate permit is a serious situation, in particular that the river Wye is designated as a SAC (Special Area of Conservation), and a river that supports important wildlife, and the raw sewage and phosphate element referred to above eventually flows into the river Wye. And as mentioned above, Welsh Water say that the local planning authority will need to consider further the position on a lack of a phosphate permit.

I have today spoken to Mr. Phillip Little, Development Planning Officer, who wrote the Welsh Water letter dated 20th March 2024, and he confirmed that the phosphate permit situation **does** need to be resolved.

On Sunday 7th April I took the two attached photo's of the Longtown sewage plant.

They plainly show the plant struggling to cope with the raw sewage and water run-off on that day, despite the weather being just gentle occasional showers.

It is plainly obvious that if the weather had changed to heavy rain, and was increased by the proposed development, with the additional 20+ toilets, accompanying baths, showers, washing machines and dish washers the result would be a catastrophic overflow into the adjoining river and onto the river Monnow & Wye.

Clearly this application cannot be allowed to proceed until the obligations of the Applicant and Planning authority have been investigated and resolved.

Given all the above objections and the obligation of the planning officers we urge the councillors and planning officers to reject the application.

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