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The following is a comment on application **P214307/RM** by '**Gillian Tait**'

Nature of feedback: objecting_to_the_application

Comment:

Concerns about the proposed development off Ashfield Way by Persimmon Homes, planning application P214307/RM.
File attached

Attachment:

Persimmon_Homes.docx

Their contact details are as follows:

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Infrastructure from Section 106 to consider:

The HOPE Centre, Hereford Road, Bromyard, HR7 4QU, (300m south of proposed development), supports children, families and the local community.

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https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=214307

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I raise numerous concerns about the proposed development off Ashfield Way by Persimmon Homes planning application P214307/RM.

1. It is acknowledged that the gradient on the site is 1:10 with single storey properties to be located at the lowest point of the development. Many of these single storey properties are likely to be occupied by those with reduced mobility – the gradient on the site and the absence of walkways to other parts of the existing development (e.g. Maple Close) means that it will be difficult for these residents to walk and take exercise around the development and they will be dependent on motorized vehicles to exit the development. As such this creates an inequality for those with reduced mobility and increases the carbon footprint.
2. Regarding design of buildings; Persimmon Homes claim to be creating a development that 'is as sustainable as possible' – the absence of both solar voltaic and solar thermal panels and the provision of 'efficient and independent gas condensing boilers with confirmed NOx emissions less than 40mg/KwH' rather than heat pumps or similar technology, is evidence that Persimmon Homes are not committed to a sustainable development.
3. Regarding traffic issues;
 - a) Although the site of the Queen Elizabeth Humanities College is within 300m of the development site, currently there is no access to the QE site from the A465 (Hereford Road). Unless Persimmon Homes works in partnership with the school to improve access from the development to the school it's exceedingly likely that increased numbers of pupils are tempted to access the school site 'illegally' through the hedge that bounds the A465, putting their lives at risk from traffic along this busy road.
 - b) Persimmon Homes seem not to have considered and therefore not provided any mitigation to address the increased difficulty that will be experienced by vehicles exiting and turning right out of the small access road which creates a staggered junction with Ashfield Way. Currently this is used by vehicles accessing and egressing Ashfield House and servicing the former Ashfield Depot. Turning right out of this junction is difficult owing to poor visibility, approaching vehicles that regularly exceed the speed limit and the wide road. The increased volume of traffic from Ashfield Way will exacerbate this difficulty and mitigation is required.