

Ravenstone Neighbourhood Plan, Reg 16 consultation responses

Mr Dawes, local resident

We write regarding the suggested housing development in the Plan in North End.

North End is an important facility for the village in that it provides a facility for residents and visitors in that they can walk with or without their dogs up to the top of the lane and then follow the footpaths either to Horton or Weston Underwood. They do this in increasing numbers often stopping to look at the Church.

Our concern in the light of the above is the increasing volume of traffic using the lane which is very narrow particularly by the cemetery. The industrial buildings do not generate much traffic but the proposed development would as most residents have two cars and there has been a massive increase in delivery vans. The change of ownership of Horseshoe Farm has also led to a traffic increase.

We have property on both sides of the lane with four gates onto the lane, three of which are blind exits and the fourth by the cemetery means that we block the lane when using the gate, usually to load livestock within the 20 minute deadline.

The proposed development would need very careful thought at the planning stage but in our view would lead to traffic capacity on North End at the very least. Any further development of, say, three houses would take traffic over an acceptable level.

Without wishing to over dramatise the problem, the increase in traffic on the lane is an accident waiting to happen.