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As a long-standing resident of this parish, I am once again objecting to this appeal.

The initial appeal was in March 1987. That application was for 2 no. Dwellings and was refused on the grounds of highway safety. Further applications for this site have since been rejected on numerous occasions on the grounds of highway safety, due to the impossibility of obtaining site lines.

The appellants' view is that they can overcome existing problems to accommodate splays but as I have pointed out on numerous occasions, this is based on an incorrect splay estimate. They plan to translocate the hedge on the northern end of the site, but that would do nothing to address the problem with the views that would be obstructed on the southern side - as the Highways have already noted. I understand that photographic evidence of the traffic using the road has already been submitted, and I would like to explain the potential hazards of allowing this plan to go ahead as it is already the case that large vehicles and lorries have to occasionally cross the centre line and mount the footpath when trying to pass due to the narrow space. Furthermore, the planned entrance to the site would also be used by large agricultural vehicles accessing the field at the rear of the site - thus increasing the potential hazard.

In addition to this, there are six buses an hour which pass each other opposite the planned entrance; given that Sledgates is the main route into Robin Hood's Bay from the south and the west. I should also add that the situation is exacerbated during the summer months with the heavy influx of traffic.

I would like to add something further which I feel is of vital importance when taking this matter into consideration.

The AMA data has previously contained miscalculations in respect of traffic speeds down Sledgates and, as someone who lives on this road, I can confirm that high speeds are common, and further congestion would potentially be very hazardous to highway safety.

I thank you for your consideration, and I hope that the planning inspector will come to the same conclusion as myself and refuse the application.

Kind regards,

John Collinson.