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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to **object** to the development of the bread and cheese field.

My name is **Lindsey Isla Henderson** and I live at [REDACTED]
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I am so disappointed to hear of your plans to build on the historic sight which is significantly important to our village.

My husband and I have recently moved to the village, we are a young couple who wish to spend the rest of our lives here, we chose Westbere because of its green spaces.

As someone who struggles with mental health and has been diagnosed as HSP, the increase in noise and people will have a detrimental effect on my day to day life and health. We moved to Westbere for the sanctuary it provides.

As someone who drives, there are some days I have huge difficulty leaving the village and get stuck on the A28. There have been days when I've had to turn around and go home because the traffic is so bad. Increasing the number of houses and therefore the number of residents in the area is only going to make this worse.

In addition to this, the local amenities, which are lacking anyway, won't be able to cope with the added population.

As a vegan, biodiversity is a huge passion of mine and ruining a green space and providing a 'green corridor' is a very ineffective way of maintaining biodiversity in the area. Leaving the space as it is would be way more effective.

There are a huge number of developments going on in the surrounding area, surely the bread and cheese field isn't needed as well. There just won't be the demand for it.

I also see the houses on Bushy Hill Road have been missed from the plan to make it look like Westbere and Hersden won't be merged; I can't imagine the mental toll this new development would take on the residents of Bushy Hill Road. Initially, with the noise and chaos from the building site and then from having more people around and a spoilt view. From personal experience, on bad mental health days, seeing greenery and hearing nature is a real life line.

Green spaces are vital to everyone's mental health and wellbeing, we should strive to protect them at all costs. The knock on effect of stripping away our landscape will be detrimental.

Yours sincerely,

Lindsey Isla Henderson

