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From: Mark Wyciślik-Wilson  
Sent: 24 May 2018 21:05:09 +0100  
To: localreview  
Subject: Objection to planning application appeal 17/01734/PPP

Louise or whom it may concern

I am writing to respond to Susan Aitchison's appeal (17/01734/PPP) against the refusal of planning application 18/00014/RREF.

Without having seen detailed plans relating to this appeal it is slightly difficult to know exactly what is meant by the proposed "garden type studio with toilet and sink". However, I would like to voice my continued objection to work being carried out in the proposed area.

The access via Hill Terrace is simply not suitable for the sort of vehicles that would be required for the construction of such a building. This is something that was noted in the refusal of the original plan, so it is difficult to see how this appeal would be viewed differently. The fact that the appeal refers to the installation of a toilet and sink means that plumbing and drainage work will need to be carried out, requiring the use of excavation equipment which Hill Terrace would not be able to cope with.

The road surface of Hill Terrace is in an appalling state (something clearly visible in the photos submitted with the appeal), and it is used for parking and turning by other residents -- including disabled people. This necessary access would be blocked by work vehicles. The refusal also noted the dangerous junction with the A7, and the accidents that have occurred there. This is something that is definitely worth restating.

To quote the original refusal:

"The access road serving the site is unsuitable for further traffic and is not capable of being improved to a standard that is adequate to support the additional traffic generated by the proposed development. The development would, therefore, be contrary to Policies PMD2 and PMD5 of the Local Development Plan 2016. This conflict would potentially lead to serious risk to road and pedestrian safety. There are no other material considerations that would outweigh this conflict with the development plan."

It was also noted that: "the access should still be adequate and it appears not to be."

It is hard to see how this can possibly have changed in light of the new appeal.

Similarly, the alternative access route of Cockholm Crescent has a poor road surface which would almost certainly be damaged by heavy vehicles. There would also be major problems with large vehicles blocking access and parking for residents in this area.

The risk to pedestrian safety, the further deterioration of the road condition, and the unavoidable disruption building work and deliveries to the proposed site cannot be overstated. It would pose a serious danger at the time, and the near-certain damage to the road surface would cause future problem both with damage to vehicles and potential trip hazards from potholes.

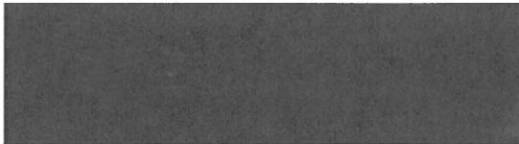
I hope you will take these points into consideration

Many thanks

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**From:** Sally Burnett [REDACTED]  
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**To:** localreview  
**Subject:** Appeal Ref: 18/000114/RREF - Susan Aitchison - Hill Terrace. STOW

Dear Sirs,

Following receipt of your letter advising that an appeal has been lodged for planning permission Ref the above, I am writing to reiterate my original comments against this planning application.

I would also like to add that contrary to Mrs Aitchison statement in her letter, regarding the repairs to Hill Terrace roadway, *at no time* did Mrs Aitchison advise residents that she intended to pay the majority of repairs to the roadway. She went ahead and got a quote for the work and then advised my husband that we would have to knock on residents of Hill Terrace, Cockholm Crescent and Galashiels Road to ask for contributions. I would further like to add that over the past few years Mr and Mrs Aitchison seem to have taken it upon themselves to dominate the road and neighbourhood. The land that is outlined as being the plot they wish to build in appears to have extended boundaries to how the land was before their original building work took place, and there has at no time been any discussions with residents as to their proposals. It all seems very underhanded, in my opinion, and also raises the question of whether Mr Aitchisons position as a councillor is partly the reason why they seem to be able to do as they wish, without any respect or consideration to the impact on their neighbours lives.

Both my husband and a fellow neighbour have spent time and money trying to patch up potholes on Hill Terrace, to reduce the hazards for both pedestrians and cars, because this is how neighbours work together to improve their quality of life, something we feel is in short supply to the Aitchisons.

I apologise if you feel my comments are not of importance to objecting to this appeal, but I can assure you it is causing much distress that there may be more upheaval and damage caused to our neighbourhood if this building work is approved.

Yours sincerely  
Sally Burnett

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