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Dear Dudley Council,

I am registering my objection regarding Site ref: 200 (The Straits/Majors Fold, Lower Gornal).

Brownfield First Policies:

The Government has announced its recommitment to a brownfield first policy, by prioritising the building of new homes on brownfield land and giving voices to local communities. Many local residents have objected to this development, and all have argued for a brownfield first approach. This site is not brownfield, and the Council should align itself with Government policy in this area. There are many other brownfield sites in the Black Country to meet our housing demands.

Furthermore, the Black Country Core Strategy states in section 2.3.4 that Brownfield sites should be prioritised over greenfield sites for development. This too was backed by the Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust in their comments

Ecological Impacts:

The Birmingham and Black Country Wildlife Trust are of the opinion that the potential impacts of the housing development on Bats, Herptiles and Invertebrates. There have been sightings of many badgers (which are a protected species), rabbits, deer etc. that are at risk

Highways Concern:

The Highways Department have also highlighted concerns with the development on this site. They have raised visibility concerns in relation to the junction with the new development and The Straits, saying it is not achievable. T

It will be highly appreciated if this can be acknowledged and the objection can be registered.

Kind regards,

Marco Longhi MP