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Dear Planning Inspectorate

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this amended application.

After reading the new submissions from Chase homes I am still confused as to whether the general public will be able to walk through the site. The cycle/pedestrian map submitted on 17 June 21 (21 0037-416 - Plan indicating suggested 2m wide routes for cyclists) shows thick pink lines depicting the route through the site, however when you look at both the soft and hard landscaping maps (21 0037-300 A - Existing and proposed hard landscaping; 21 0037-302 A - Existing and proposed soft landscaping) these very clearly show that there is no through route.

The Icen Transport Note also seems to contradict itself in paragraph 17 and 33. In paragraph 33 it states that Chase is providing new routes through the site which benefit the local area. However, in paragraph 17 it references residents in the houses at the southern end of the site having to cut through the main school building to get to the north of the site (and having to use key fobs to do so).

I am concerned that pedestrian access for both residents and the local population will be ignored. On the nearby new development where I live, we were promised two pedestrian routes through to the surrounding area, neither of which materialised, resulting in people having to walk up to an extra half mile each way to get to important services. The consequence being, unsurprisingly, that people drive instead.

If the town is to persuade more people to walk and cycle instead of drive, it is of utmost importance that pedestrians/ cyclists are prioritized in new developments, and I urge you to introduce adequate provision.

Kind regards

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