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Sarah Robson

Town Clerk

Ross on wye Town Council

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Dear Sarah,

Thank you for the letter on the development of the Broadmeadow / Tanyard outline.

We do of course feel strongly about the poor planning and management in Ross with the recent Persimmon development. By not including suitable access for this development to/from Ledbury road, only via Tanyard Lane, any person in a wheel chair etc cannot leave the estate via any suitable access. Even pedestrians find it very difficult. This can only be considered as poor and thoughtless and irresponsible by the council / planning council. Everyone should have a developed reasonable access to their home.

These recent plans for development are very basic. Very little thought has been applied to green access routes from these developments to the town / river etc for future generations. They are basic building options for "empty" land. The long term planning and social welfare for people living in a rural area to enlighten Ross has not been made a priority for people to cycle walk etc. This is a great shame and all future plans will suffer from this lack of positive environmental social planning. A great opportunity has been lost in what was a unique small town sounded by area of natural beauty.

The development at Tanyard Lane will of course put our business at risk. Tanyard Lane is our main site and has been for over 20 years. We currently employ 35 people in a technical based polymer and elastomer precision moulding.

Our main site is at Tanyard Lane and we work 6 days a week. 5 of these days are 24 hours. Our type of work would be described as medium Industrial.

The obvious outcome would be for us to relocate. But this is of course is very difficult. We operate over £ 3 million pounds worth of machine that requires a power source of 600 KVA. (installation of such a power cost would cost over £ 300k). To relocate each machine would cost over £ 15,000 and we have approx 20 machines.). This is a huge cost for consideration and will pressure the business for years. This are only the very basic costs for machinery etc. These do not include building / ancillary machinery / relocation etc.

This is of course a huge challenge for the company that we will not be able to overcome as the financial costs are too large.

I would like to thank you for taking the time to contact us with the development proposal.

I would also like to be involved in such plans as I feel strongly for the environment and the social planning for future generations.

Regards

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