

## PLANNING APPLICATION NK/2023/0654

Applicant Name: Manor Oak Homes and Bletsoes

Location: 60 Barton Road (land to rear), Barton Seagrave, NN15 6RX

Proposal: Outline planning permission for the erection of up to 58 dwellings including affordable housing, with all matters reserved except access.

### North Northamptonshire Green Party (NNGP)

#### OBJECT

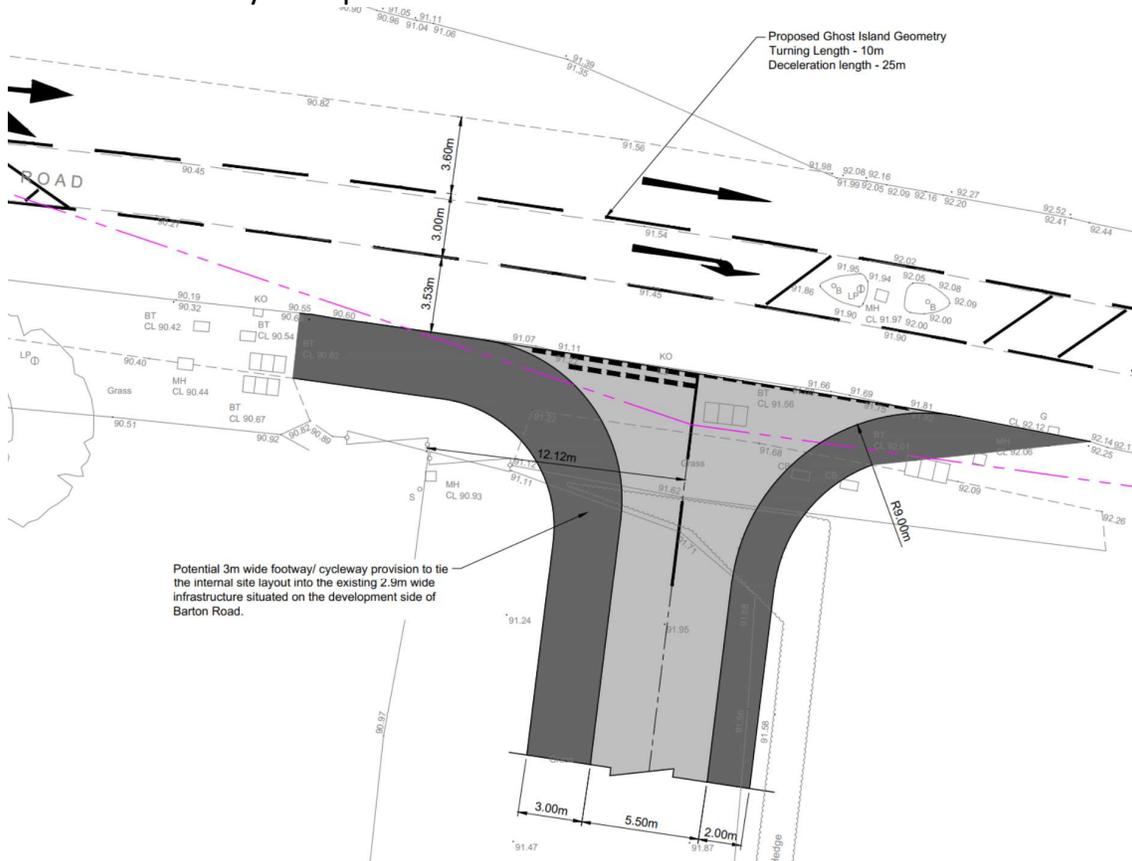
to this application with the following reasons why it should be refused.

In addition to the NNGP comments dated 28/11/2023,

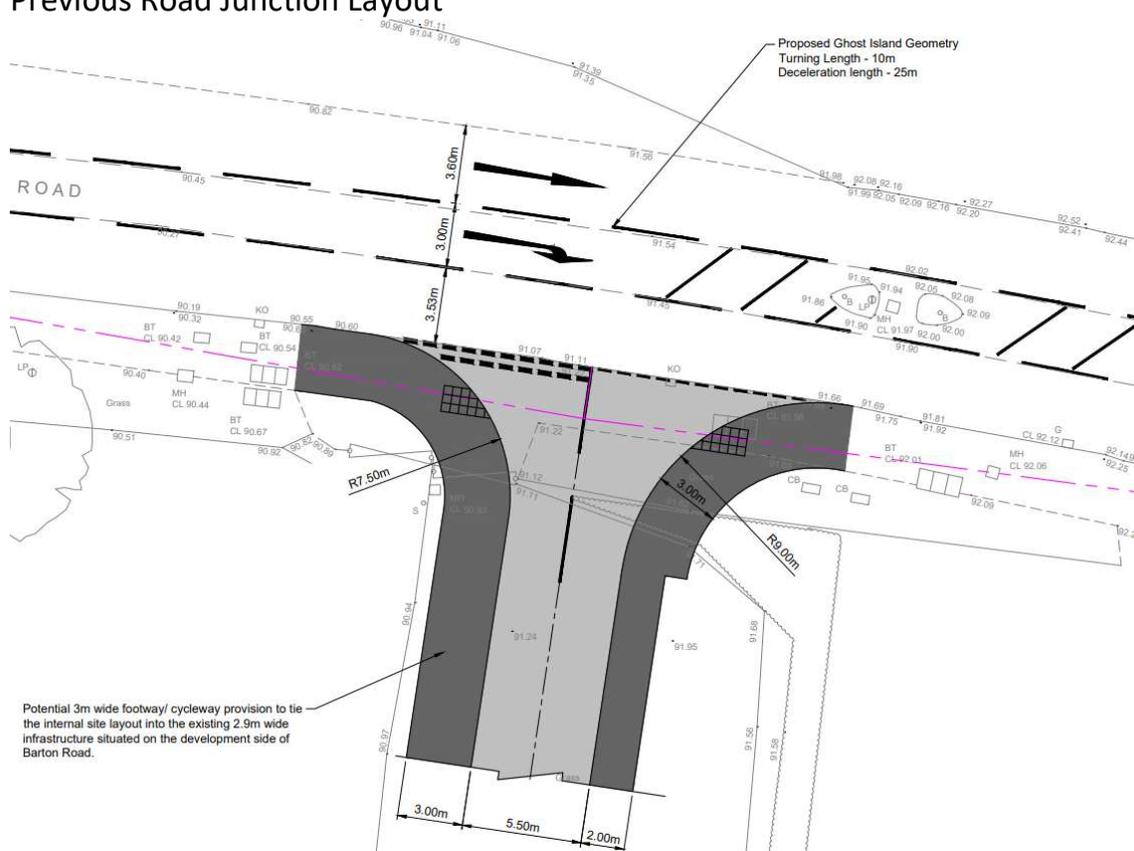
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which we continue to maintain, we have examined the submission by the developer of drawing no. 739-TA220 - Proposed Site Access - Option 4 - Central Island, Give-way Priority Ghost Island, dated 07/02/2024. This shows the junction moving east by 5.4m and the introduction of an island down the centre of Barton Road to the west of the junction.

#### Road Junction Layout Option 4



## Previous Road Junction Layout



Having consider this, we make the additional comments as follows:

- The change in position of the junction to the housing development puts it even closer to the adjacent existing pedestrian island between the two carriageways along Barton Road. This exacerbates the risk to pedestrians crossing from south to north, who will not have visibility behind them as cars turn right out of the new development. The location of the bellmouth also increases the pedestrians travel distance across the west bound carriageway, between the island and the footway. These issues pose a significant safety hazard for these pedestrians. The applicant has not included a proposal to alleviate these risks.
- We now appreciate that the gate immediately adjacent to the west of the entrance to the housing development serves as the only vehicle access to the cricket ground. The proximity of the two junctions will inevitably create issues with cars using the two junctions at the same time. This will increase the risk of confusion regarding priorities, effect the sight lines along Baton Road, and heightening the risk of accidents. We note NNC Highways observation on this matter, "*There is significant*

*concern with the proximity of the proposed access to the existing associated with the Cricket Club. The two overlap which is not acceptable. Even if both were immediately adjacent to each other there would be highway safety concerns with regards to visibility onto Barton Road.”.*

We trust you will take these additional comments into consideration.

For and on behalf of North Northamptonshire Green Party

*James Towns*

Built Environment Spokesperson