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Attention: Michael Woodland, Director

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Please note that approximately 12 other submissions will be submitted via your Department's website which represents the views of the residents where I live, adjacent to this proposed development.

These submissions will be provided under the relevant names and addresses of the other residents but will be identical to the submission attached. For ease therefore I will not resend these other submissions via email to you all.

I am also happy to receive a single response if this can be facilitated on behalf of these submissions. I will clearly identify these on the website for your reference.

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