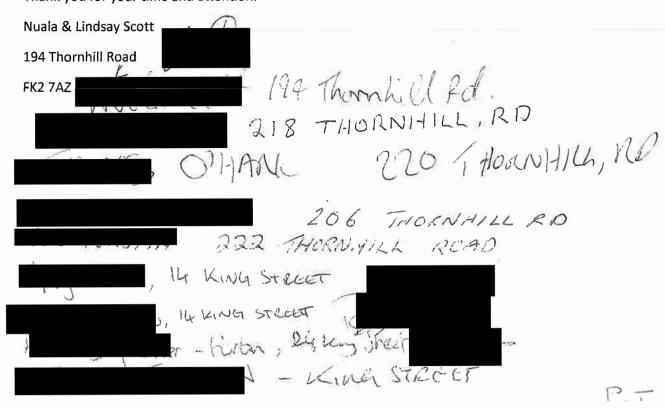
A few questions and comments to John Milne, Senior Planning Officer:

In April 2021 my husband & I will have lived in our flat for 20 years and we love the area and the local community. But we have serious concerns about the following issues;

- The continuing increase in traffic congestion both commercial and private, on Thornhill Rd.
 This development will only add to the current problem. It is also a service road for
 Ambulance , Fire & Police vehicles (often driven at speed) as well as being used by large
 lorries and articulated trucks coming from Grahams Rd to access the Retail Park. At busy
 periods the road is often very hard to cross safely.
- 2. There is mention of availability of services nearby in the proposal. The Wallace Medical Centre was very busy prior to COVID and now... Getting an appointment is a challenge.
- 3. Access to school places for new primary pupils is also tight. Both local medical and education places will be under additional pressure with many new dwellings proposed in the local area e.g the old Forth Valley College site, the Etna Road site and now this site. You may need to discuss the availability and sustainability of future services etc with colleagues in Education and Health & Social Care.
- 4. To improve the area as construction begins for all residents, there is serious need for more and better designed litter bins (seagull proof ones!), public benches (ones secured into the cement) and more lighting within the park.
- 5. As the bedrock in the area is a fair way down we hope the noise and vibrations from pile driving will not impact on the fabric of our home, which is already prone to subsidence.
- 6. I guess the old brick wall is to be demolished. I asked the Council a few years ago to paint the cast iron pillar at the end of the wall and it was done in bright blue and yellow, which was wonderful. Could this iron pillar be incorporated into the plan somewhere on the public path as it is a great piece of Falkirk history.
- 7. And finally, I could find no mention of the timeframe for this development. When do you propose to begin and more importantly when do you plan to have the construction completed?

These concerns were also shared by several of our neighbours. We are more than happy to discuss any of the above with your team.

Thank you for your time and attention.





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