

<b>APPLICATION NO: 16/01149/FUL</b>		<b>OFFICER: Miss Michelle Payne</b>	
<b>DATE REGISTERED:</b> 30th June 2016		<b>DATE OF EXPIRY :</b> 25th August 2016	
<b>WARD:</b> Charlton Park		<b>PARISH:</b> CHARLK	
<b>APPLICANT:</b>	Allan White		
<b>LOCATION:</b>	15 Greenhills Road, Charlton Kings, Cheltenham		
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	Erection of a single dwelling to the rear of 15 Greenhills Road and associated access drive		

### Comments from Councillor Baker

**From:** paul baker  
**Sent:** 15 November 2016 11:58  
**To:** Michelle Payne  
**Subject:** 15 Greenhills Road - 16/01149/aful

Dear Michelle,

As you know I requested that this application be referred to the Planning Committee, it is therefore unfortunate that I am unable to attend this month's meeting when the item is being considered due to work commitments.

Whilst I am concerned about another back garden development resulting in the loss of open space and amenity for nearby residents, and the provision of a new home with a modest garden, my main concerns relate to highways issues. I am therefore pleased to see the latest response from Gloucestershire Highways which recommends refusal of the application.

Earlier this year I asked the Road Safety Unit to carry out speed testing along this road to understand better the actual speeds being experienced in response to concerns from residents, this was carried out over a 9 day period to give a very fair and balanced report and the results were staggering.

Whilst I appreciated that this was a long straight and busy road the results were alarming. Over the period there were 82000 vehicle movements, around 9000 a day, most of course during daylight hours, but speeds were more worrying.

There is a 30mph speed limit in operation as you are aware but 45000 vehicles travelled at between 30 and 40mph whilst nearly 4000 travelled between 40 and 50 mph, and 157 travelled in excess of 50mph. These figures clearly show there is a real traffic speed issue which makes access onto and exit from this road quite hazardous for residents living along the road, especially if their visibility is restricted.

The new dwelling proposed, as confirmed by Gloucestershire Highways, has very limited visibility for vehicles trying to join the road, it is not safe, I therefore fully support the recommendation to refuse this application,

Kind regards,  
 Paul Baker, Cllr Charlton Park