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Dear Madam

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to pass on my observations both as president of the Staxton Playing Field Association and long time resident of the village. Reference to site 177, this is the only area of land where the playing field association still hope to extend there facilities. If the village is to extend, we too will be expected to do likewise.

Furthermore may I remind you that the hedges planted on Wains Lane adjacent to sites 177 and 217, were provided by Ryedale District Council in 1994 -96 when John Clayton was the tree and conservation officer, to celebrate the Centenary of the Parish Council. These hedges were planted on land awarded to the parish when the lands were enclosed in 1802-03. The farm boundary in each case is the wire fence inside the hedges and when the wire fences were replaced 10 years ago they were moved nearer the hedges by approximately one yard.

The most favourable site in the village for development is immediately east of Mayfield Villas. I do not have the site number. The land is owned by Mr A Huneybell at Spitals Farm.

Though the area immediately round the house and buildings was rich in archaeological interest, the area suggested for development was not. This area was investigated by a well known local archaeologist Tony Brewster in 1937-38. Having an interest as a boy I was with him at the time. Though several trenches were dug nothing was found.

There is still space for an entrance onto the village street between the drive to 1 Mayfield Villas and the A64.

As for the site adjacent to the old and new vicarages, again I do not have the site number. Development here would cause severe traffic congestion on Wains Lane, which at times is bad enough now, especially when children are being brought too and leaving school. And the Amen Field adjoining, should be left undeveloped because of historical reasons.

Thank you once again for giving me the opportunity to comment, I was the clerk and treasurer for the parish council for 37 years, but no longer, though I remain interested in the well being of the village

Yours Sincerely.

Edwin Cooper