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This is an email received in response to the article which is the link below.

[Launch for 150 newbuilds in West Rainton, County Durham | The Northern Echo](#)

Subject: Report on Banks Homes

Hello

Hope you are well.

I am actually lost for words as to how Banks Homes are being allowed to operate with no consideration for the village and also nothing is being said. We live on Lambton View and I am exhausted by this horrific situation.

This is my response to a recent article published in the Northern Echo.

I am a resident of the village of West Rainton and have been for 24 years. My back garden is literally 2m from this horrendous building site. West Rainton is a small village just off the A690 between Sunderland and Durham.

Banks Homes have little to no consideration for the current residents and so when I read your article I am saddened.

As a representative of the current home owners I have met with Banks Homes and the Council who have no interest in supporting us and making our lives bearable.

My dog is currently having issues from all the dust blowing onto our properties, which is causing her to choke.

Several of our home owners suffer from neurological disorders so the constant high pitched beeping of trucks has a huge impact on their nervous systems and we are being forced out of our homes on a daily basis as the noise is horrendous. I was in a car crash in November and my office was positioned downstairs, Banks told me to move to another part of the house.

They have placed skips at the bottom of our gardens which the workmen urinate beside.

We are a diverse village and in 1988 we embraced the travelling community and we live peacefully together. All the children go to the same school.

The tiny Primary School has just had new windows fitted which is bizarre as nothing has been mentioned in the Parish news, so I'm surmising that someone with a vested interest, as Banks are constantly at the school, has invested in making the building look more appealing to a buyer of a £500k house.

So when the influx of new children hit this little school from different areas, problems of integration will happen. Children who were once doing really well as classes were small and received the right level of attention, will fall behind. Attention will possibly be bestowed on new children as teachers will be conscious of them being 'new to the area'.

Then as current children receive less attention, grades will fall and in some cases they fall into the ADHD category. As they no longer receive the desired support they had and start craving it. In some cases being disruptive, it's a disaster waiting to happen.

In addition, there will be circa 250 additional cars

and the exits are close to the school turning, an accident waiting to happen.

They have also built the houses so high that any views some people enjoyed have gone.

Therefore, Phoebe I would really like you to think about this and the article you wrote, particularly the flowery, empty words of Banks. As our village is traded for a Spa Membership at the Ramside and the shining future of children for a set of double glazing windows.

Have a lovely weekend.