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Villagers object to A1 motel plan

Our Richmond reporter

A MOTEL is planned in a 300-yard-wide green belt which separates the village of Middleton Tyas from the A1 at Scotch Corner.

But the villagers do not like the idea of a motel—along with a filling station, caravan park, transport cafe and hostel, a lorry service and repair garage, and a lorry park—on their doorsteps.

So they have petitioned against an application by Scotch Corner Garages for outline planning permission to develop 25 acres right next to the new stretch of the A1 which will by-pass the present roundabout.

They say the proposed development will destroy the rural amenities of Middleton Tyas.

Already there

A recent parish meeting condemned the plan, as it would join the village to a major trunk road and deprive residents of the rural amenities they enjoy.

It was pointed out that facilities proposed already exist and could expand to cater for increased business, and the meeting considered the development to be undesirable and unnecessary.

The petition, signed by 170 villagers, has been sent to the area planning officer. Protest letters have also been sent by individual residents.