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Planning

[REDACTED] *Objection to the planning application for land north of Little Slaughterford DC/25/2057.

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Dear All,

I am writing to object to the planning application for land north of Little Slaughterford DC/25/2057. I am a resident of Barns Green.

This application should be rejected. My main cause for objection is that this green space is totally unsuitable for development, especially when there are brownfield sites identified as viable alternatives within the same parish. The Horsham District Planning Framework, the SHELAA and the Itchingfield Neighbourhood Plan all say this site north of Little Slaughterford is undevelopable.

Our village has two fantastic amenities in the local shop and the local pub. Both of these will be severely compromised by this development. Protecting these local assets should be a priority for Local Authorities and Planners.

I am very concerned about water management. The area is prone to flooding already and many local landowners struggle to keep livestock and crops in good health on the saturated land. The flooding damages the roads too. Building on this field will increase the flood risk. At the same time the local sewage system has been repeatedly shown to be inadequate for the current population, this proposal will see it be totally overwhelmed and discharge sewage into local water systems.

The village is poorly served by public transport, which means these homes, which will be multi car households, will be driving traffic numbers up even higher. The proposed exit onto Chapel Road will cause havoc with two sets of school children crossing this road twice a day, the parking for the shop and the pub and the through road for people leaving the village. This will cause accidents and increase road damage and pollution.

The removal of the hedgerow will have a significant negative impact on local ecology. Established mature hedgerows are essential for the protection of wildlife.

As a local horse rider - Barns Green is a hub of equestrian activity with several private and commercial horse yards - the development of this site will present a significant risk. The bridleway adjacent to the site is essential for horse riders seeking to avoid the busy cross roads to the north and accessing the bridleways from Muntham drive. Disrupting this bridleway will place riders at significant risk.

There is no demand for these homes. The recent development at Sumners Fields has not sold (and is being run off diesel generators due to the inadequate electricity supply!) and the houses will be priced beyond the reach of any local housing demand. It is out of kilter with the rest of the village and disproportionate to what is required.

There are alternative sites for the development in the village which have the support of the local community. This application drives a wrecking ball through the heart of the village damaging services, water ways, local businesses, wildlife and the community.

Yours sincerely

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