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Sent: 05 February 2026 10:24
To: Planning
Subject: Objection to Planning Application DC/25/2057 – Land North of Little Slaughterford
Categories: Comments Received

Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to formally object to planning application DC/25/2057, relating to the proposed development on Land North of Little Slaughterford.

My objection is based on the following material planning considerations:

Impact on the rural character and setting of the area

The site lies within a rural landscape whose character is defined by open countryside and low-density development. The proposed development would introduce an urbanising form of development that is out of keeping with the existing settlement pattern and would cause harm to the character and appearance of the area.

Landscape and visual impact

Due to the site's location and visibility, the development would be visually intrusive when viewed from surrounding public vantage points, public rights of way, and nearby properties. Insufficient mitigation has been demonstrated to adequately reduce harm to the wider landscape.

Traffic generation and highway safety

The proposal would lead to an increase in traffic on local roads which are narrow and unsuited to additional vehicle movements. This raises concerns regarding highway safety for residents, pedestrians, cyclists, and agricultural traffic.

Sustainability, public transport, and car dependency

Little Slaughterford is served by limited and infrequent bus services, which are already inadequate to meet the day-to-day needs of residents. As a result, the village is heavily reliant on private car use.

The proposed development would significantly increase the number of dwellings without any realistic improvement to public transport provision, leading to a corresponding increase in car ownership and vehicle movements. This is contrary to national planning policy objectives which seek to reduce reliance on the private car and promote sustainable transport choices.

Impact on residential amenity

The development has the potential to adversely affect the amenity of nearby residents through increased noise, disturbance, loss of outlook, and erosion of the rural environment.

Loss and harm to an ancient hedgerow

The site contains an ancient hedgerow, which is an irreplaceable historic landscape feature and an important habitat for biodiversity. Ancient hedgerows are afforded strong protection under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997 and national planning policy. Any removal, damage, or fragmentation of this hedgerow would result in permanent harm that cannot be adequately mitigated or compensated for. The application does not demonstrate that the hedgerow can be fully retained, protected, and buffered in a way that preserves its historic, ecological, and landscape value.

Disproportionate scale of development and conflict with government policy

The proposed development would represent a disproportionate increase in the number of dwellings relative to the size and existing built form of Little Slaughterford. Such an increase would fundamentally alter the scale and character of the settlement. National planning policy seeks to direct new housing to locations that are sustainable, proportionate, and appropriate to the role and function of the settlement. In this case, the scale of development is not aligned with these principles and would result in growth that is out of keeping with the village's character and capacity.

For the reasons outlined above, I consider that the proposed development conflicts with local and national planning policies relating to sustainable transport, rural character, historic landscape features, biodiversity, and residential amenity.

I respectfully request that the Local Planning Authority refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

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