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OBJECTION : APPLICATION DC/25/2057 -LAND NORTH OF LITTLE
SLAUGHTERFORD CHAPEL ROAD, BARNES GREEN - 68 DWELLINGS - MILLER
HOMES

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Comments Received

I very strongly object to the overdevelopment on the proposed site due to the effect it will have on the general amenities and services for the village. The proposed development is in the CENTRE of the village NOT on the EDGE OF THE VILLAGE as stated in the application. The access to the proposed site is shown as being opposite the shop which will create an extremely difficult situation for the shop and the Queens Head pub both of which are currently thriving businesses.

At the moment parking is available on the lefthand side of the road from the Queens Head to the entrance to The Hordens and is always busy with people visiting the shop and pub plus delivery vans and lorries for both businesses. The loss of sufficient parking would impact significantly on both the shop and pub. The loss of business is a huge problem to both shop and pub and the possibility of future closure is a real concern.

Chapel Road is a narrow rural road through the heart of the village, it is an extremely busy road and becomes very congested. The use of proposed controlled crossings close to the entrance of The Hordens and outside the Queens Head would significantly reduce any parking space outside the shop and cause even more congestion especially with traffic emerging from the entrance of the proposed site.

There is considerable concern about the disruption and damage to the roads and structure of the village shop, the Queens Head and many other listed and character properties in the village that would be created by the movement of many heavy lorries and traffic required for the construction of the proposed development. The centre of the village will become a highway nightmare for road users both driving or parking. The narrow rural roads in and around Barnes Green will also suffer from the constant use of heavy lorries coming and going.

The transport system in the village is not adequate and consequently the only form of transport, even to reach the train station at Christ's Hospital, is by car. To get to the nearest doctors surgery (where it has become more difficult to arrange appointments due to the vast increase in local population) supermarket and secondary school which are in Billingshurst would be by car.

The addition of potentially 160 + cars from the 68 proposed houses would contribute considerably to the volume of traffic in and out of the village, specifically adding to the congestion created by the proposed uncontrolled crossings between The Hordens and the Queens Head pub in the heart of the village. It would also increase emissions and add to road maintenance.

Barnes Green is a beautiful rural characterful village and to have this urban style proposed development right in the centre of the village is completely out of character. The proposed site is currently a field surrounded by ancient trees and ancient hedgerows and all the wildlife and sheep it contains. This creates the very peaceful and rural character of the village and to allow this proposed development to proceed would completely ruin the beautiful village where I live.

There will also be an increase in the use of gas, electricity, sewage, drainage and water. The leakage of sewage exceeds capacity for the existing community and is a major concern both for the environment and for public health. The village suffers from flooding and in particular serious flooding in the centre of the village affecting the village shop and beyond and is at risk of worsening with the run-off from the proposed site.

Yours faithfully

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