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**Sent:** 05 February 2026 12:27  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Objection to Planning Application DC/25/2057 – Land North of Little Slaughterford  
**Categories:** Comments Received

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write 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:

**1. Impact on the character of the area**

The proposed development would represent an inappropriate form of development that is out of keeping with the established rural character of Little Slaughterford. The scale, density, and nature of the proposal would erode the distinctive character of the village and its surrounding countryside.

**2. Landscape and visual harm**

The site occupies a sensitive and open location. Development here would result in significant visual intrusion, harming important local views and the wider landscape setting. This harm has not been adequately mitigated within the application.

**3. Traffic, highway safety, and car dependency**

The local road network consists of narrow country lanes that are unsuitable for a significant increase in traffic. The area is served by a very poor and infrequent local bus service, meaning future occupants would be heavily reliant on private cars. This would lead to increased traffic on rural roads, exacerbating highway safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and other road users, and conflicting with sustainable transport objectives.

**4. Loss of a designated ancient hedgerow**

The proposal would result in the removal or significant damage to a **designated ancient hedgerow**, which is an important and irreplaceable landscape feature. Ancient hedgerows provide significant ecological value, contribute to local character, and are afforded protection under the Hedgerows Regulations 1997. Their loss cannot be adequately mitigated or compensated and represents unacceptable environmental harm.

**5. Ecological and environmental impacts**

In addition to the loss of the ancient hedgerow, the site and surrounding area support wildlife and biodiversity. The application fails to adequately demonstrate that ecological impacts have been fully assessed or that appropriate mitigation and long-term protection measures are in place.

**6. Pressure on local infrastructure**

The proposal would place additional strain on local infrastructure and services, including drainage, utilities, and public services, without clear evidence that these impacts can be satisfactorily addressed.

## 7. Conflict with local and national planning policy

For the reasons set out above, the proposal appears to conflict with relevant local planning policies and the principles of sustainable development set out in the National Planning Policy Framework, particularly in relation to landscape protection, biodiversity, sustainable transport, and development in rural areas.

In light of these concerns, I respectfully request that the Local Planning Authority **refuse planning permission** for application DC/25/2057.

Thank you for taking these comments into consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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