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As a resident of Barns Green I am writing to strongly oppose the proposed development in the Village by Shanly Homes on land between Smugglers Lane and Muntham Drive.

The Itchingfield Neighbourhood Plan which was endorsed by HDC did not include this land. The entry and exit to the proposed development would be on the narrow Chapel Road which is the main thoroughfare through the Village and already often congested, not only by through traffic but also for customers needing to access the only shop and pub, plus families en route to and from the Village primary school. The excess traffic use would be highly dangerous.

There is no daily public bus service through Barns Green so extra homes would mean extra car usage and the detrimental effects that that would cause both in air pollution and damage to roads.

The land in this proposal lies outside the Built-up Area Boundary and would cause the loss of ancient hedges and would be detrimental to the surrounding ancient woodland and wildlife.

Several buildings bordering this vicinity are Listed Buildings, one of which I understand has no foundations so would be at risk of damage by the effect of lorries and heavy equipment used in building a development of 31 houses. Modern houses in the centre of the ancient rural Village will look totally out of place.

I would also mention that the many new houses already built close by on the same road are not selling so there is obviously no appetite for more in this area. In any case, other sites are already offered for development in the Itchingfield Neighbourhood plan which would be less damaging to a rural village such as Barns Green.

I therefore oppose this application.

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