

I am writing to formally object to the planning application DC/25/2057. My details are as follows:

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• Address: Th Forge Flat, Chapek Road, Barns Green

• Postcode: RG13 0Ps

• Commenter Type: Member of the Public

My objections are based on the following material considerations:

Highway Safety and Traffic

The proposed new access onto Chapel Road will cause a significant increase in traffic volume, leading to congestion and a heightened risk of accidents. This is particularly concerning near the village shop and pub, which are vital community hubs. The additional pressure on parking and traffic flow in this specific area will negatively impact both road safety and local business operations.

Chapel Road isn't very wide and will NOT cope with the hundreds of works vehicles, delivery Lorries and the expect 150+ extra cars from the 68 new homes.

Our home is situated on Chapel Road and this will cause noise and disruption to our personal lives.

Ancient Hedgerow and Rural Character

The development relies on the removal of the ancient hedgerow along Chapel Road. This hedge meets the criteria of being "important" and serves as a critical refuge for local flora and fauna. Beyond its ecological value, the hedge acts as a vital buffer that holds soil on the land and reduces surface runoff. Removing it would permanently damage the rural character of our village. It is protected under the ancient hedgerows act 1997 and should not be destroyed!

Flooding and Drainage

The site poses a significant risk regarding surface water run-off. By increasing building coverage, the development will worsen the existing tendency for water to shed down towards Chapel Road. The area near the village shop is already prone to flooding during wet periods, and this proposal will exacerbate that risk, threatening local infrastructure.

I trust the Council will consider these specific environmental and safety impacts and refuse the application.

Yours faithfully,

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