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Member of public/House owner [REDACTED]
OBJECTION

I am objecting to the above-mentioned application for 68 homes proposed for the field opposite the Village Stores.

I believe this site was considered unsuitable for building in the Neighbourhood Plan, so why is there now an application in for 68 houses? What's the point of deeming somewhere "unsuitable" and then accepting an application for that unsuitable site?

What kind of nonsensical thinking is this?

As residents, we are already seeing the strain on our village's essential services, electricity, gas, water, drainage, and sewage systems are all under pressure. The local sewage works are already operating beyond what they were supposed to cater for. There have already been occasions where the system has overflowed, causing untreated wastewater to enter the environment. This is not only deeply concerning for public health but also damaging to our local ecosystem. Adding another 68 homes would only make an already serious problem worse, unless the infrastructure is properly upgraded first.

Our village has already taken on more 2 developments in recent years, and people are genuinely feeling the impact. It seems unrealistic and frankly unfair to expect the community to absorb yet another large development of 68 houses. The constant expansion is putting unsustainable pressure on local services, roads, and the overall character of the village that residents value so deeply. Also the chosen design of the houses is totally incompatible with the village. Unattractive, suburban, lacking in any design or character and of no aesthetic value to the village at all. In addition, the proposed development would require the removal of the long-established hedgerow that runs along the edge of the site beside Chapel Road. This hedge is known to be ancient and qualifies as an important hedgerow under current regulations. It provides vital shelter and habitat for local wildlife, prevents soil erosion and runoff into nearby watercourses, and helps with natural drainage. Just as importantly, it contributes to the traditional, rural look and feel of the village. Losing it would mean

losing part of what makes our area so special, both environmentally and visually.

I respectfully ask that the planning authority refuse or defer this proposal until a full review of the local infrastructure, drainage, and sewage capacity has been completed, along with an environmental assessment of the impact on the existing hedgerow and surrounding wildlife. Development should only proceed when it can be shown that it will not harm the community's well-being, the environment, or the rural character that defines our village.

Yours faithfully

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