

I would like to express my concern with the proposed development on the following grounds.

I have lived in the village all my life [REDACTED] and have seen a lot of changes over the years including in the sixties [REDACTED] land at Barns Green Farm was compulsory purchased for houses and on that occasion an old building known as The Salt Box, sited where the entrance to The Hordens is now, was demolished to make way for that estate.

Overdevelopment

We have taken 70 houses on the old Mounters farm site now called Ash miles, and another 32 at Sumners Fields (which are not all sold and are running on generators I am told) If people in the village were looking to buy in the village these would have been sold by now

Please confirm how the new development will differ from those at Sumners and meet the needs of the villagers looking for new homes.

The neighbourhood plan to identify sites in the village that we would accept for development has been submitted, but this piece of land was not on that list. What is the rationale for selecting an alternative site?

Highways access and parking

A new additional access road directly opposite an already busy village shop and pub will cause bottlenecks every morning and evening. It is already a busy area. With increased traffic from the new estate coming out onto Chapel Road, it will only increase the risk of accidents and putting pinch points at the same place as a junction is, I believe, a dangerous mix.

Heritage

The heritage report has been funded by Miller homes.

It states 4.27 "The development will alter some views" but omits to state that the block of flats on the development will be over 9metres high. Considering that the field slopes 5 metres from Chapel Road to the top of the field this means a total of 14metres of obstructed views from the pub and shop. The private home which is attached to the shop would have loss of privacy due to headlights shining directly at night from vehicles leaving the development.

Sewage

Our own land in the village has been flooded with raw sewage from one of the main sewers that criss-cross our land. Since no extra capacity has been added I would expect this to occur more frequently unless investment in the infrastructure occurs

Design

In the design proposals there will be "68 dwellings of high-quality design in keeping with the character of the surrounding area "

Looking at all the drawings of the proposed buildings, they are taken from templates that they already use countrywide rather than specific to the village location.

I urge you to consider these impacts and refuse this application.

Yours sincerely

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