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Objection Letter

Dear sirs

I am writing to you to object to the proposed new developments in Adisham and Womanswold, which I believe are without merit and destroy the local community and the lives of those who constitute it.

I object to the proposed development on the following terms:

It is not in keeping with the context or scale of the area: both Adisham and Womanswold are small, deeply rural communities, with a large proportion of listed buildings, the addition of over four thousand new houses is incredibly out of scale and would destroy the fabric of the local area and would adversely impact these listed buildings, as well as sights of cultural and architectural value. The proposed new town would rob the community of their historical value and Heritage

The density of the development is inappropriate for the area: the area is currently deeply rural, and the proposal has a different land use type for the area which is strictly agricultural. the presence of so many houses is entirely disproportionate to the existing infrastructure and settlements which is based upon the existing land use. The proposed developments will cause traffic congestion and reduce safety on an already dangerous road. Currently, the entire infrastructure consists of one B road and a county lane, this is wholly inadequate for the size of the development proposed.

The proposed development creates a precedent making it difficult to object to future proposals. The proposal to add nearly five thousand new houses to the area would mean that any future addition to this new town would be very difficult to object to as they would represent a comparatively minor addition to a town rather than a major addition to a deeply rural area.

Furthermore, the developments together will have a cumulative impact upon Aylesham, drastically increasing its size and putting greater strain on public services than any single development would have and I do not believe this has been accounted for.

The idea of creating a development around Adisham is not new and that similar development was Rejected, a proposal for a new green settlement on Adisham down, near to the highland court site was rejected and this proposal is substantively similar to it.

Furthermore, should the proposed development go ahead, it would Result in the loss of important public views of Adisham down. Adisham down is a source of pristine downland that can be seen from the adjoining B road were the proposal to go ahead houses would obscure any views of this public resource.

Lastly, the proposed development impacts environmental health and the natural environment. The environment around Adisham is deeply rural and unspoilt. The construction of the proposed new town would necessitate the destruction of thousands of trees and miles of hedgerows and would be built upon virgin land, it has never been built upon and never should be.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Yours Faithfully,

George Fowle.

