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To whom it may concern - regarding the proposal of over 300 new homes on the sites of the mill and land in Rattington Street.

I was [born in](#) this village and am now in my 60's. In these relatively few decades I have seen orchards and green space lost for ever and 'developed'. Kingfisher Close, Ashdown fields, The Hyde, Old School Mews, Rentain Rd, St Augustine's to name but a few. The rush and push to target green field land in order to meet 'targets' is concerning to me and will undoubtedly move our 'village' towards 'town' size and forever erode the roots and heritage of our rural village. I agree that the 'brown field' Mill site should be developed - not with executive houses - but with affordable homes and retirement options for the benefit of those who live and wish to remain here. But to develop land at Rentain Rd is deeply shocking and impractical:

The loss of habitat, biodiversity and green space plus massively increased carbon footprint is unacceptable and deeply inappropriate. The parameters and perimeters of the village should not be moved. Urban sprawl is the antithesis of the very nature of a village.

More residents mean more cars, leading to increased traffic on narrow village roads, reduced road safety, and greater noise and pollution, particularly at peak times! The existing capacity of local doctors' surgeries and schools, will not be able to cope with a sudden large influx of new residents, leading to longer waiting times and reduced service quality for everyone.

Existing water and sewage, networks do not have the capacity for a large number of new homes - they can barely cope as it is!

Further green field development will further erode the character, history, and sense of place that defines our village.

I totally oppose the proposed development of the Rentain Rd green field site for the above and many more reasons.

I agree that appropriate development of the Mill site could improve the lives of young people and the older community.

Thank you for consideration of my concerns.

Amanda Mills