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Site N32 is allocated for residential development. Planning permission will be granted for development which meets the following criteria: 1) Development mix across the site, the development mix will include: a) Approximately 170 new dwellings including affordable housing, accessible housing and an appropriate housing mix in line with Policies DS1 and DS2. b) Proportionate contributions to community infrastructure in line with Policy DS7. c) Open space provided in line with Policy DS24.

	Agree strongly	Agree	Neither agree or disagree	Disagree	Disagree strongly
I support N32 allocation that will allow 170 houses as above					✓
I support the Neighbourhood Plan allocation of a smaller scale mixed development					✓

Any Comments

Please see my attached comments

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Firstly, this is a joke having to fight against yet, another housing development suggestion of which had been rejected only, two years ago? Therefore, as an overcrowded village should not be put through again!

Papermill:

It was always inevitable, that this site when finished with, would be used for a housing development yet! Developers dismissed this in the meeting two years ago, knowing this. I totally object to the greenbelt land being used for housing as 1, It's a field used for food 2, because it's greenbelt and 3, having the papermill for housing is to many houses for this village anyway.

This village since, I have lived here (1981) has had its more than its quota for the amount of housing and state it's in nowadays has proved this.

Roads:

These small roads originally built for horse and cart are not fit for the overuse of everyday traffic. Also, the modern-day driver has made it very difficult and dangerous to walk on making this an even higher (Safety issue) then it already is.

It is also, noticeably obvious the number of cars parked on and around baker's lane and this is without the added pressure of another several hundred more. This will make it ever more difficult for emergency vehicles also! These roads around the areas suggested for housing cannot be improved or widened due to existing buildings causing a bottle neck and making it dangerous to all.

Waterways and sewage:

Since the old hospital housing estate was built, the flooding issues have never been resolved, the road leading to the estate was poorly designed and even more poorly maintained. The majority of drains are blocked causing the water to bypass flooding unavoidable areas including our house.

The situation with the foul smell of sewage from thannington leading to Chartham has been a very ridiculously, long issue with many complaints yet, the houses aren't even

there yet, and this cannot even be sorted by the culprits? My big concern is the ever-increasing untreated sewage deliberately being released into the river stour, there are still, no plans for new sewage treatment plants and for decades even the housing we have cannot be dealt with properly? So, more hazards to the environment at a cost to nature that the developers don't care about.

The maintenance for the village under the high fees of our council tax is very poor with so called cut backs but, we still have to pay the ever increasing rise so, this will get just get worse and it's a money making rip off.

Wildlife and surroundings:

This has all been said before however, the land to raddington street has in its own right to be left wild and free of any new builds. As a bird watcher and nature enthusiasts, this area amongst others have taken a dramatic fall in species however, the wooded area to the raddington field has an abundance of wildlife for example foxes, buzzards, bats, owls, Jay's, woodpeckers, red kite so on but for the last two years skylarks have been nesting in amongst the crops, these are becoming less and less seen and heard due to habitat invasion.

Policing and security:

As well as any build development to the field, I strongly object to the cycle path as this will encourage any unwelcome visitors loitering in our back yard. We have no policing at evening times and quite honestly, any problems nowadays the police do not want to know!