



Proposed development Chartham

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Dear Sir/madam,

We would like to express our concern at the proposal to build 335 more dwellings in Chartham, for the following reasons;

1. Why has the Chartham neighbourhood plan, worked on extensively over the past few years, suddenly been ignored?
2. How will the traffic from 165 new dwellings on the Mill site be catered for, given the current problems with traffic backing up at the rail crossing and creating a danger on the A28, the illegal and dangerous parking on Station road and the narrowness of access to the former Mill site?
3. How will the former Mill site be remediated safely, taking into account the health of the people living around the site and the wildlife in the globally significant chalk bed river that flows through the site?
4. Why is it unacceptable to build near Blean forest for ecological reasons, but recommended to build intensively near a globally significant chalk bed river?
5. How will any changes on the Mill site take into account management of the through flow of the river?
6. How will the risk of run off pollutants and flooding from any development off Rattington street be managed?
7. How will the ancient woodland within the Rattington street development be protected?
8. How will road access from the proposed Rattington street be achieved, without creating further pressure on Station road traffic?

We are not against development per se, but green field with associated flood risk should not be built on and any development of the Mill site must be safely and carefully executed. We note that there is some precedent for imaginative and sensitive re-development of former industrial sites; eg <https://www.phoenixlewes.com>

Yours faithfully, Neil & Jenny Benson.