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Dear Canterbury City Council,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed housing development at Rattington Street currently under planning application. As a local resident, I am deeply concerned about the fact that valuable farmland would be lost to housing, affecting the community and environment. The development would surround ancient woodland which can never be recovered with an additional impact on the animal and plant population having a detrimental affect on biodiversity. This development both increases flood risks and undermines efforts to combat climate change which should be a priority for a council in the twenty first century.

I have lived in Chartham for over twenty years and have seen the inward expansion of the village with new housing estates and the corresponding increase in cars and pressure on local services. Another housing estate will exacerbate the problems, both Rattington Street and Bakers Lane are narrow roads, already dominated by parked cars and speeding vehicles. Another estate will make this worse and more worryingly the precedent of using greenfield sites will have implications for years to come. I would therefore urge the council to prioritise brownfield sites and protect our diminishing greenfield areas in the interests of our environment, wildlife, biodiversity and community well-being.

Kindest regards,
Jeff Challis

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