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I have many concerns regarding this development.

- 1- The local road infrastructure is not suitable for this kind of development. Chartham is a small village with unsuitable roads for a significantly increased population. Rattington st is a single carriageway with no footpath etc. (It's basically a farm road) On the other side of the development site is Shalmsford street which is already overused as a main road in and out of the village from the A28. Additional traffic in this area would cause significant problems to an already congested road.
- 2- Chartham is located within the Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), a nationally important landscape. Further development to this area will risk compromising its status and inhibit its biodiversity to the landscape surrounding the village. I believe this could occur due to increased pollution and noise from vehicles, and also the fragmentation of the land from an increase in housing development.
- 3- Many protected species are evident in the area such as schedule one protected Red Kites which have only recently returned to the area and are now breeding locally. It is also common to see several species of Owl (Tawney, Barn (schedule 1), Little). There are too many species to highlight
- 4- The general infrastructure of the village is not suitable too such a large development. local GP surgeries which seem to be already in high demand, primary schools, and irregular local bus services would simply become oversubscribed.
- 5- How will sewage be managed, and risk of flooding from flow off from depleted farmland into the Protected river Stour mitigated?

Regards Ian Hufton

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