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To whom it may concern,

Please consider the following feedback on the proposed policy N32 LAND AT RATTINGTON STREET - CHARTHAM:

I am writing to object to the proposed allocation of Land at Rattington Street, Chartham (Policy N32). I live directly next to the site with my two young children, and the proposed development would sit immediately behind our back garden. I have serious concerns about the impact this would have on our home, the local environment, and the wider community.

One of the reasons I chose to live here was the peaceful, rural setting and the close connection to nature that the area provides. The proposed development would fundamentally change the character of Rattington Street replacing open fields and wildlife habitats with houses, traffic, and noise. It would feel like the countryside we love and value is being built over, piece by piece.

The field behind my home is regularly visited by bats and tawny owls, as well as other wildlife. These species rely on the existing hedgerows, trees, and open space for feeding and roosting. Development on this land would destroy or severely disturb these habitats. I am very worried that the loss of green space would permanently drive these animals away. Any environmental assessment should fully consider the presence of protected species before this policy can be justified.

Chartham already faces pressure on local roads, schools, and GP services. Rattington Street is a narrow lane, not designed for heavy traffic. Adding new housing would increase congestion and raise safety concerns, especially for children walking or cycling. Without clear plans to improve local facilities and transport links, this development would place an unfair strain on the community. My house is particularly a pinch point of the road on The Crescent, it is too narrow for two cars to go through without one having to go on the curve, I have already witnessed incidents where my children and children walking to school have been in danger from cars going passed. More cars and more people would increase danger.

Because the site borders our garden, construction noise, dust, and disruption would have a direct and significant effect on my family's quality of life. My children play outside daily, and I worry about their safety and wellbeing during years of potential building works so close to our home.

Construction generates high levels of dust, particles, and other pollutants. These can drift into our home and garden, aggravating asthma or respiratory problems, which my children are vulnerable to.

The landforms part of the open countryside that separates Chartham from Canterbury's urban edge. Once this field is developed, that rural gap will be lost forever.

I strongly object to Policy N32. The proposed development would cause lasting harm to local residents, wildlife, and the rural character of Chartham. Please remove this site from the Local Plan and protect this part of the village from unnecessary and damaging development.

Yours faithfully,

Lisa Nickle

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