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My objection to the proposal of a further 330 houses in Chartham is because of the increase in traffic during the peak 7 am to 9 am in the morning and evening commuter traffic.

A majority of the traffic will travel from the hub of the village and will leave via the railway crossing and onto the A28.

The rail safety barriers are activated approximately 17 times during the peak times. This means that in a two hour period the barriers are closed and not allowing any traffic for approximately 68 minutes during the peak commuter times.

This equates to an average of an additional six vehicles per minute vehicle crossing the rail junction and heading towards the A28. Shalmsford Street is no longer a viable option as this road is already beyond capacity. The alternative route of travel is via Rattington Street which again is not a viable option as this is only a village side road. Additionally there are no safe pedestrian or cycle routes and no street lighting whatsoever.

Regards

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