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To whom it may concern,

Please consider the following feedback on the proposed Policy 32 LAND AT RATTINGTON STREET - CHARTHAM:

We object strongly to the proposed development on Rattington Street, Chartham.

We live on [REDACTED] and are aware of the heavy traffic on Shalmsford Street, particularly leading down to the A 28. Cars are often speeding along this road making it a danger to other drivers and pedestrians. This is particularly the case for parents and children who attend the Primary School. When Shalmsford Street is closed, which it often is -usually because of a water leak! - the traffic is diverted down Bolts Hill resulting again in congestion and/or cars driving excessively fast. Everyday we walk our dogs along Bolts Hill which has no footpath for substantial sections and no street lighting. We have often been shocked by how dangerous the traffic can be. We routinely have to stand in the hedges to avoid passing cars and vans. Note that there are two bus stops and two doctors' surgeries located along this stretch of road but drivers seem not to hesitate to overtake stationary vehicles. If drivers take the route down Rattington Street towards the station, the road is narrow and completely unsuitable for increased traffic load. This development will clearly make this problem significantly worse.

We also feel that the current increase in housing in recent years is putting a stress on local services such as the school and the doctors' surgeries while at the same time negatively impacting on the health and wellbeing of residents through increasing air pollution and taking away green spaces which are currently needed by residents. These green spaces, we would argue, are vital to both maintaining the character and community of Chartham as well as the health and wellbeing of individual residents.

We are not against the sensitive expansion of housing on brownfield sites within the village but we strongly feel that the proposal as it stands would have a negative impact on the Chartham community.

Yours sincerely

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