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To whom it may concern,

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

I am a resident of Chartham and wish to inform you of my objection to the planned development of 170 houses (N32) at Rattington Street.

I understand the requirements for new houses and am not opposed to the redevelopment of the Mill site (N31) where 165 houses are planned.

I am opposed to the Rattington Street site for the following reasons:

1. Development of a Greenfield site and the impact on wildlife.
2. Changing the nature of the village and controlling traffic pressures.

Development on a greenfield site, one which is currently farmland with woodland and hedgerows, will impact the flora and fauna of Chartham and consequently Kent and the UK. In Chartham this year within 0.5 mile of Rattington Street, I have observed 21 different species of butterfly. Of note was observations of the 'Wall' butterfly which is listed as endangered, near threatened, by Butterfly Conservation. Also the 'Small Heath' which is 'vulnerable.' Removing hedgerow, farmland and open space will remove habitat for these species and threaten the survival of many other butterflies. In addition to butterflies, I am concerned for the bird species which depend on farmland, hedgerow and open spaces. We have tawny owls, barn owls, swallows and house martens which depend on the Rattington Street site for their life cycles. Many bats including Common and Soprano Pipistrelle and Daubenton's bat depend on the River Stour in Chartham and the surrounding countryside for their life cycles.. If building on the Rattington Street site, we will be reducing these species, which are under pressure, even further.

Concerns for myself and other residents are mainly the changed nature of the village. Currently the old village is separated from the St Augustine's Estate by the Rattington Street farmland. By building the proposed houses, the two will merge, making the original village much larger. This will change the nature of Chartham away from its village feel - something that can never be recovered and something which is of value to keep. Traffic will

increase with the building of the Mill Site and we should take measure to control the volume by not building on the Rattington Street site as well.

I am happy for the proposed development of the Mill Site in Chartham but please reconsider the proposed development at Rattington Street.

Kind regards,
Victoria Travis