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From: Amy Geraghty [REDACTED]
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Subject: Objections to Proposal to build 335 houses in Chartham

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To All,

I strongly object to the proposal to build 335 houses in Chartham, N32, Rattington Street (green field/farmland), 170 houses N31, The Paper Mill, 165 houses.

The parking is already difficult and frankly dangerous, especially around the Chartham primary school.

The extra traffic would negatively affect the highway safety as often with the traffic is standstill in places especially around the train tracks backing out on to a very busy main road. Lots of Chartham has turned into a rat run especially along Shalmsford Street, which is the worse road in Kent for road rage and incidents, and again the primary school is on that road so would be even more dangerous with all the extra traffic. Also the roads would be damaged from all the heavy machinery and it would be of great expense for the potholes to be fixed and predictably multiple times. The noise pollution of the building work would be unbearable for a long time.

The local wildlife along the river has many protected species of bats and tawny owls and other animals so all the 330 extra houses would negatively affect the nature conservation. The nature of the village must be protected as it is a strong draw to the village and Kent is the garden of England.

Already the school has had to send children home because they had no access to water. Also, the St Augustine's estate regularly has problems with water and electricity so with all the extra impact on services I don't see how that would be improved. The lower end of the village has had many power cuts as well. The air quality would be severely reduced which must be a consideration.

A major concern also are the flood plains; it's always been known the Chartham paper mill is not only riddled with asbestos but a flood plain and gets flooded every winter so what will happen to all the surrounding area if building works was to happen, would it not cause greater risk of flooding to all surrounding properties? The overburdened sewage is also very worrying for all have to use the sewage that was not intended for the numbers being proposed. I hope all these concerns will be considered in the deliberation of the proposal to build 335 houses in Chartham, N32, Rattington Street (green field/farmland), 170 houses N31, The Paper Mill, 165 houses.

Kind regards,
Amy Geraghty
Chartham resident

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