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From: andrewbidmead [REDACTED]
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To: Consultations
Subject: Register my objection to N32, Rattington Street (green field/farmland), 170 houses

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of approximately **170 houses on site N32, Rattington Street, Chartham**, as outlined in the draft Canterbury District Local Plan (Focused Consultation 2025).

This site is currently **greenfield farmland**, and I have serious concerns about the negative impacts this development would have on the local community, environment, and infrastructure. My objections are based on the following *material planning considerations*:

1. **Traffic and Highway Safety**

The existing road network in and around Chartham is already under considerable pressure, particularly during peak hours. The addition of 170 new homes would significantly increase traffic, causing congestion and raising safety concerns for pedestrians, cyclists, and drivers.

2. **Parking Provision**

Insufficient parking provision will inevitably lead to overspill parking on narrow village roads, creating hazards and access issues for residents, visitors, and emergency services.

3. **Flood Risk and Drainage**

The proposed site lies near areas known to experience flooding. Further development would increase surface water run-off, putting additional strain on the existing floodplain and already overburdened sewage and drainage systems.

4. **Impact on Local Services and Infrastructure**

Local schools, healthcare facilities, and other essential services are already stretched. Adding hundreds of new residents without proportional investment in local infrastructure will further reduce service quality and accessibility.

5. **Environmental and Ecological Impact**

The site is currently greenfield land, supporting wildlife and contributing to local biodiversity. Development here would result in irreversible loss of habitat and harm to the rural character of Chartham.

6. **Air and Noise Pollution**

Increased traffic will contribute to higher levels of air and noise pollution, negatively affecting residents' health and well-being.

For these reasons, I strongly object to the inclusion of site N32, Rattington Street, Chartham, in the Local Plan for housing development. I urge Canterbury City Council to remove this site from the proposal and to prioritise brownfield and previously developed land instead.

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Bidmead



Resident of Chartham

Sent from my Galaxy