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To whom it may concern,

Please consider the following feedback on the proposed Policy N31 CHARTHAM PAPER MILL and N32 LAND AT RATTINGTON STREET - CHARTHAM.

I thoroughly oppose the current plans for both of the sites listed above. While I recognise that more housing is needed the number of additional dwellings that are proposed is extreme. This number of new dwellings will have an unsustainable impact on existing infrastructure, roads etc. as well as fundamentally changing the nature of the village. Set as it is in a conservation area and area of outstanding natural beauty, retaining its look and feel is critical to it remaining an attractive and desirable place to live. The current plans will also significantly increase traffic and congestion with all the negative environmental impacts and loss of green space that this results in.

I am especially concerned about the proposed plans to build on the paper mill. I recognise that this is an obvious site for development and if done sensitively and sensibly it could improve the village, as the paper mill is rundown and is increasingly becoming vandalised. However, flooding is clearly a serious concern in this area and the number of planned properties and seeming limited/zero thought given to preventing the flood risk in the plan, is extremely worrying.

I therefore oppose both of these plans. To be workable, the scale of the planning needs to be hugely reduced, to where it is a more reasonable increase in the number of dwellings. To this end I support the proposals in the neighbourhood plan that has been very carefully and thoughtfully put together: <https://charthamnp.com/>

I would grateful for confirmation that my response has been received and will be taken into consideration.

Kind regards,

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