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To whom it may concern,

Please consider the following feedback on the proposed Policy N32 LAND AT RATTINGTON STREET - CHARTHAM:

Dear Canterbury City Council,

I am writing to object to the proposed development of 170 houses at Rattington Street (site N32). I have lived in Chartham for many years and have seen how the village has gradually reached its limits in terms of what our roads and services can handle.

I've noticed that the village already struggles with congestion and safety can be an issue. For people walking around the village or even riding a bike as I do, with cars parked along the roads, making the narrow roads and lanes already difficult to pass....this problem would only increase if it was even more populated. I understand potentially an additional 400+ cars would cause a significant issue. Add to that the school which introduces more cars and pedestrians at peak times making Shalmsford Street almost impassable, and a hazard for all. The roads simply cannot take the extra traffic.

The village infrastructure is already overstretched. GP appointments are almost impossible to get. The primary school is full, and the secondary schools are in Canterbury — meaning even more daily car journeys. Bus services are sporadic and stop early, and there's no parking at the train station, which already causes issues for residents nearby....and the village hall car park is always full.

We're also in an area that floods regularly. More concrete will only make matters worse, pushing floodwater further down into the village.

Most importantly, this is good farmland and a vital green space. It provides a buffer between Chartham and St Augustine's, as well as habitat for owls, bats, and other wildlife, which are plentiful in this area. Losing this area would mean losing part of what makes the village what it is open, rural, and unique.

I urge the Council to reject N32 and instead focus on redeveloping the Paper Mill site in a way that benefits the community without overwhelming it. Let's make better use of what's already there rather than build over countryside that once lost, can never be replaced.

Kind regards,

Wesley Hovelmeier.