
Proposal for building in Barham

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Hi,

I am writing regarding the proposed building site on valley road Barham. It adjoins the village green and includes the land between the nailbourne and The Grove.

Whilst I recognise the need for more housing in the area I have the following concerns.

The proposal says it takes into account the flood plain. I question the accuracy of this. The area shown on the plans includes the section of land between the Nailbourne and Heathfield way. This land floods when the river is high.

Any building on flood plain puts other properties at risk, the water has to go somewhere! The Nailbourne is a winterbourne and as such the flooding levels vary. To allow building on flood areas is irresponsible.

Please assure our community that some of the proposed houses will be affordable.

I am also concerned regards how close to Valley road the houses with be. This is two fold. Houses closer to the road than the line of the village green may impact the flood plain and also change the character of the village. Currently the land on the village green side of Valley Road has all property set back, the current building line should be maintained.

Kind regards

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