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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.

This proposed development would radically change the character of the village. This would be obvious to anyone who has visited the site.

The centre of Barham, and also central to its character, is that The Street, Valley Road and the Shrubbery only have houses on one side of the road. The west and south. This is what gives the village the open character it has and helps define it as Barham. To build as you describe is unimaginative and demonstrates a poor understanding of the community. There is already a substantial increase in housing in the centre of the village adjacent to your proposal underway and this new proposal is being made before the impact of this can be assessed. Poor planning and just opportunism without any consideration.

Obviously this is already setting aside the environment agency flood plain map of this area and any effect building foundations will have upon the aquifer given the ever increasing heavy rain events we now have.

It is poor that communities have to pay in quality of life for the failure to regenerate brownfield sites and empty redundant buildings that have the opposite effect on mental wellbeing.

Although just outside Canterbury the massive ruin near Snowden railway station is a case in point.

Developers should be developing what needs developing not what is expedient and changes a village forever.

kind regards
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