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Reference Number: 202 512 33

19th January 2026

I object to this planning application and request that it is refused. I believe the proposal would result in clear harm that has not been properly addressed.

Main reasons for objection:

1. Unacceptable highways impact

The development would increase traffic movements and parking stress on Downs Road and nearby streets, creating worsening congestion and unsafe conditions.

2. Risk to children near the primary school

Downs Road provides access to the local primary school and is regularly used by children and families. Increased traffic volumes, turning movements and parked vehicles would make the road environment more dangerous during peak school times.

3. Construction impacts not adequately controlled

The application does not provide sufficient detail to demonstrate how HGV movements, noise, dust and disruption would be safely managed during the construction period, particularly given the school location and residential nature of Downs Road.

4. Increased flood risk and surface water concerns

Downs Road sits at the bottom of a valley and is vulnerable to surface water issues. The development would increase hard surfacing and run-off, and there is insufficient reassurance that drainage measures would prevent worsening flood risk.

5. Pressure on services and infrastructure

Local healthcare and education provision are already stretched. The proposal

would increase demand for GP services, hospital care and school places without clear evidence that capacity exists.

6. Loss of Green Belt and harm to local character

The proposal would remove Green Belt land, reduce openness, and contribute to urban sprawl between Istead Rise and New Barn, harming the character and setting of the area.

For the above reasons, I request that the application is refused.

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