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Civic Centre
Windmill Street
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Reference Number: 202 512 33

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I object to this proposed development. I believe the application would result in unacceptable harm to the safety, infrastructure and character of the local area.

The proposal would increase traffic and parking pressure on Downs Road and surrounding streets, worsening congestion and creating additional highway safety risks. Downs Road is also used daily by children and families accessing the local primary school, and any increase in traffic movements and junction activity would heighten the risk to pedestrians and vulnerable road users.

I am also concerned about **flood risk**, as Downs Road sits at the bottom of a valley and is already susceptible to surface water issues. Developing this land risks increasing run-off and worsening flooding during heavy rainfall events.

The development would also place further pressure on already stretched **GP services, hospitals and local education provision**, without clear evidence that the necessary infrastructure is available or will be delivered.

In addition, the proposal would result in the loss of **Green Belt land**, harm local habitats, and contribute to urban sprawl by reducing the separation between Istead Rise and New Barn. The overall scale of development is inappropriate for this location and does not reflect the limitations of the surrounding road network and services.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application is refused.

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