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Windmill Street
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I wish to object to this planning application. The proposed development represents an inappropriate and harmful expansion of built development in an area which currently benefits from openness and separation provided by Green Belt land.

The loss of open countryside in this location would permanently change the setting of the area, reduce the distinct separation between Istead Rise and New Barn, and contribute to urban sprawl. In my view, the development would harm the character and identity of the community and undermine the purpose of the Green Belt.

In addition, the site is not supported by sufficient infrastructure. The local road network is already under strain and the proposal would increase traffic, parking stress and congestion. This would be particularly harmful given that Downs Road includes the local primary school, and increased vehicle movements would introduce further risks for children and families using the road on foot.

The proposal would also place additional pressure on already stretched healthcare and education services, and the sustainability of the location is questionable due to limited public transport provision.

For these reasons, I believe the harms significantly outweigh any claimed benefits and the application should be refused.


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