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I object to this planning application. I am concerned that the proposal would create unacceptable highway and safety impacts, particularly through increased parking stress and reduced visibility on local streets.

Downs Road already experiences periods of heavy activity and limited space, and additional development will increase vehicle ownership, parking overflow and roadside congestion. Increased on-street parking can reduce visibility for drivers and pedestrians; restrict safe passing space, and create hazards near junctions and crossing points.

This concern is heightened because Downs Road is also the location of the local primary school. The road is used daily by children and families, and increased traffic combined with obstructive parking would introduce greater risk at the busiest and most sensitive times of day.

In addition, the construction period is likely to intensify these risks through HGV movements, temporary road blockages, noise and dust. The application does not provide sufficient detail on how construction traffic, parking and access would be managed.

I am also concerned that the development could worsen surface water run-off and flooding impacts, given that Downs Road lies at the bottom of a valley. The proposal would reduce natural absorption and may increase flood risk during heavy rainfall.

For the above reasons, I do not believe this proposal is suitable for the location and it should be refused.

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