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I object to the proposed development. The application would increase traffic levels in the local area and this would have harmful consequences for residential amenity and public health. I am particularly concerned about the impact this will have close to the local primary school.

Additional vehicle movements, idling and congestion create increased noise and air pollution, especially during peak periods. Children walking to and from school are particularly vulnerable to these impacts. Any proposal that increases vehicle activity on Downs Road, particularly during drop-off and collection times, should be considered carefully due to the immediate proximity of school users and pedestrians.

The proposal would also increase highway safety risks, create further parking stress, and worsen the day-to-day usability of Downs Road for residents. These impacts are likely to be amplified during construction, when heavy vehicles, dust and disturbance would be introduced into a residential environment.

Furthermore, Downs Road is at the bottom of a valley and is vulnerable to surface water issues. The development would add impermeable surfacing and increase run-off, potentially worsening flood risk.

For these reasons, the development would create unacceptable impacts on safety, health and local amenity, and the application should be refused.

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