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I object to this proposal. I believe the harms created by the development would be significant, long-term and not adequately mitigated.

The development would bring increased traffic to an already constrained road network, worsening congestion and highway safety concerns. This is especially serious because Downs Road is used heavily by children and families accessing the local primary school. Additional traffic and parking disruption would increase risk to pedestrians during peak school times.

The proposal also raises major concerns regarding flood risk. Downs Road lies at the base of a valley and is susceptible to surface water. Developing open land will increase hard surfacing and run-off, and the application does not convincingly demonstrate that flood risk will not be made worse for nearby residents.

In addition, local services are already under pressure. Healthcare provision and education capacity are stretched, and the proposal would create additional demand without clear evidence of sustainable infrastructure support.

Finally, the loss of Green Belt land and the reduction in openness would contribute to urban sprawl and damage the character and setting of the area. When considered in the round, the negative impacts substantially outweigh any benefits claimed, and the application should be refused.

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