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I am writing to object to this planning application. I am very concerned about how this development would affect daily life, safety and the wider local environment.

Downs Road already experiences busy periods, and the addition of significant extra traffic would make it more difficult and less safe for residents to travel, park, and access their homes. The greatest concern is the impact on children and families, as Downs Road is also where the local primary school is located. At school drop-off and pick-up times the road is already heavily used, and additional vehicles would increase danger for pedestrians and children crossing or walking along the road.

I am also worried about the construction period, which could introduce heavy vehicles, noise, dust and disruption on a road used by young children. The application does not provide enough detail to reassure residents that construction traffic and safety risks would be properly controlled.

Furthermore, Downs Road sits at the bottom of a valley and is vulnerable to surface water flooding. Replacing open land with housing and hard surfaces could increase run-off and worsen flooding risk for the surrounding area.

Beyond these immediate impacts, the proposal would place further strain on local healthcare services and schools, which are already under pressure, and it would remove Green Belt land and harm the open character that currently protects the area from overdevelopment.

For all these reasons, I believe the proposal is unacceptable and should be refused.

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