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Civic Centre
Windmill Street
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Reference Number: 202 512 33

19th January 2026

OBJECTION

I object to this proposal due to the following impacts:

- **Highway safety:** Increased vehicle movements would worsen safety on local roads and junctions.
- **School risk:** Downs Road includes the local primary school; added traffic and parking would increase danger for children and pedestrians.
- **Construction disruption:** HGV movements, noise and dust would create unacceptable disruption and safety risks near homes and the school.
- **Flood risk:** Downs Road is at the bottom of a valley and already vulnerable to surface water issues; the development would increase run-off.
- **Congestion:** Extra traffic would worsen existing congestion in and around Istead Rise, including routes such as New Barn Road and the A227.
- **Health services:** Local GP and hospital services are already stretched and cannot sustainably absorb additional demand.
- **Education provision:** Local schools and colleges face limited capacity; further demand would worsen shortages.
- **Green Belt loss:** The proposal would remove Green Belt land, reducing openness and harming the rural setting.
- **Urban sprawl:** It would reduce settlement separation and contribute to overdevelopment between Istead Rise and New Barn.
- **Unsustainable location:** Limited public transport means the development will increase car dependency.

For these reasons, the application should be refused.

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