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Vale of the White Horse District Council

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Dear Sirs

Proposed building programme in East Hanney-South Site

I am raising a series of objections to the Plan to build 200 houses in East Hanney on the south side of the village. Before stating those objections I want to say that I have severe misgivings about the way the plan has been developed.

- The plan moves development from east of the village to south without any explanation as to why this has happened and without either communication or consultation
- the number shifted from "up to 200 houses" to "about 200 houses"
- there is an unsupported and untrue statement that the community prefer the east site
- astonishingly, undeliverable land (as defined by the council) suddenly becomes deliverable.

East Hanney is an known as an "Island Village" (---ney is Saxon for island). As this would suggest, water drainage has and continues to be a serious concern to the villagers. To build 200 properties up stream is a worry. It's all too easy to say these difficulties will be taken care of but those saying such things bare no consequences when things go wrong. In recent years, this has been amply demonstrated across the country and in the village. As it stands, the plan feels reckless and irresponsible. The undeliverable land should stay undeliverable and the building programme should be shifted to somewhere more safe. I object to the proposed site.

I am equally concerned that the plan is to urbanise the village, As well as the "200" houses, we either have recently got or are about to get another 85 houses and it's fairly clear that sites have been marked out for at least another 400 properties. When thinking about the approach taken by the council, the word that comes to mind is disingenuous. In simple and unambiguous terms, I object to the plan to build in East Hanney unless it can be shown that such a plan is properly thought through and that the area and community can absorb such changes. Small scale building such as has been recently introduced can be accommodated and is welcome.

Yours Faithfully

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