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From: Katherine Daniels
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Please can this be added to DEF

Thank you

Katherine

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Dear Ms Daniels

I have just been made aware of this proposed development on the edge of Cropredy and would like to lodge an objection for the following reasons:

Infrastructure - The country lanes are unsuitable for high volumes of traffic. 60 dwellings equals 120 cars and a likely couple of journeys each day, most of which will take the most direct route to Banbury via Great Bourton. There are several pinch points in both villages where traffic cannot pass. Additional vehicles will increase danger to pedestrians; of particular concern is the area near the school where young children cross the road without supervision, and the area near the church in Great Bourton where children wait for school buses. Cyclists and horse riders will also be in more danger due to the large volume of traffic on this narrow road.

Environment - The site is currently farmland and is therefore biodiverse in plant and wildlife.
Pollution - air, water, soil, noise and light - will obviously increase if this large housing estate goes ahead.

Flooding - Cropredy already regularly floods. Climate change is heightening the intensity of rainfall and flash flooding. Urbanisation of rural land will make the flooding worse and will lead to more polluted run-off entering the nearby waterways. With current national focus on the disgrace of our dirty rivers, it would be wrong to grant permission to a project that will directly lead to more local pollution of this nature.

Services - The surgery in Cropredy has stated that they are at maximum capacity and cannot take on more patients. The small village school has one class per year group and so expansion is very limited. Local secondary schools are nearly all at capacity. There are no regular bus services. There is

one small shop. It is disingenuous of the applicant to imply that this is a village that can absorb the additional households they propose.

Character, size and scale - A village by its nature has a small number of dwellings and is located in a rural landscape. It is not an ever-increasing suburban hinterland, where each year another 'parcel' of land is developed, and the only remaining sign of nature is in the street names. 60 houses built on green fields outside the village boundary is unacceptable.

Location - Development needs to start first in the towns and on the brownfield sites. Young people do not automatically aspire to live in the village they grew up in; indeed often they want to spread their wings, and try out life in different towns and cities. If only the housebuilding focus could be on creating high quality, net zero, affordable housing aimed at people in their 20s and 30s in areas of connectivity. Instead we get profiteering developers trying to maximise their returns on green rural land. The prices of the new-builds for sale today within 3 miles of Cropredy are marketed at £500,000 to £600,000. I very much doubt that the proposed development would be different.

Government Policy - The Prime Minister very recently stated that "On the green belt, I was very clear over the summer what I was going to do, which was move away from a system of nationally imposed top-down housing targets on local areas. I was very clear I wanted to make sure our green spaces are protected. I think that is what local communities want."

Please do not allow this development to go ahead.

Yours sincerely
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