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As  a former resident of Sibford Ferris for 28 years i am well placed to comment on the reasons this development should not be allowed to go ahead.

My parents still live there and my son attends Sibford Friends school. As such i travel through Sibford Ferris most days to visit family and do the school run.

Traffic is already at the limit of what the narrow village roads can safely handle, particularly the bottleneck near the shop which becomes gridlocked at school times with many parents vehicles and the school buses.

I see children walking through the village at these times, also going to the school in sibford Gower.

Another 25 dwellings in the village will add significantly to these traffic problems, directly affecting road safety and also the peace of the village.

Badgers are a common site in the proposed development area, I know as i lived there from birth, through my childhood until the age of 28 and there is still evidence of them when i visit in the garden and surrounding fields.

The original proposal for eight houses was to mainly starter homes, with preference to people who have a connection to the village. That was withdrawn and replaced with a proposal for 25 houses. It is clear to see that if allowed, could set a  precedent for further development, particularly the smaller field to the side. This is obviously what they intend to achieve, by using the same access from the Hook Norton road. Further adding to the problems mentioned and destroying the character of the village.

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