

Formal Objection to Proposed Development of 200 Homes in Bolney/Bolney Village APP: dm/25/1129

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf myself and the concerns of the residents of Bolney Village regarding the planning application for the construction of 200 new homes on farmland adjacent to the village. We strongly object to this proposal for the following key reasons:

1. Inadequate Infrastructure

Bolney currently has approximately 180 homes. A development of this magnitude would more than double the size of the village, placing unsustainable pressure on existing infrastructure. The water and electrical supply systems are already operating at or near full capacity. There is no clear plan in place for upgrading these utilities to cope with the increased demand.

2. Impact on Health and Welfare

The uncertainty and stress surrounding this proposed development are already having a tangible effect on the mental health of many residents. The welfare of vulnerable individuals, including the elderly and those with health conditions, is being overlooked. The loss of a peaceful rural environment could significantly reduce the quality of life for many.

3. Access to Services

Bolney has limited access to essential services such as healthcare, public transport, and education. The village has no GP surgery, very limited public transport, and is not served by a secondary school. There are serious concerns about the ability of local services to accommodate a sudden and significant population increase.

4. Environmental and Agricultural Impact

The farmland earmarked for development is part of Bolney's rural and agricultural heritage. Replacing greenfield land with high-density housing poses risks to local ecosystems and biodiversity. This kind of development runs contrary to the principles of sustainable planning and environmental stewardship.

5. Character of the Village

Such a development would fundamentally alter the character of Bolney, transforming it from a small rural village into a suburban extension. This change would not be in keeping with the heritage, scale, or identity of the area.

We urge the planning authority to **reject this proposal** and call for a full, transparent review of the area's infrastructure capabilities before any further large-scale development is considered. Sustainable growth must be guided by proper consultation, appropriate infrastructure investment, and respect for community wellbeing.

Also, why have not all villagers received the last document on appealing to the

Sincerely,



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