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Dear Mr Martin Dale

I am writing to formally object to the outline planning application submitted for the proposed residential development of up to 26 dwellings at Batchelors Farm, Keymer Road, Burgess Hill. As a resident of Keymer Road, I have several concerns regarding this application that I believe warrant serious consideration:

- **Impact on Local Character:** The proposed development is situated outside the built-up area boundary of Burgess Hill and encroaches into the countryside. This area is characterised by its rural charm, and the introduction of high-density housing would significantly alter its character, detracting from the existing aesthetic and environment and further impact the green belt boundary which Mid Sussex District council has committed to preserving.
- **Traffic and Safety Concerns:** Keymer Road is already a busy thoroughfare, and the addition of 26 dwellings will inevitably increase traffic flow. This raises concerns about pedestrian safety, particularly for children and elderly residents, as there are limited safe crossings nearby. Increased traffic could lead to congestion and make the road more hazardous.
- **Loss of Green Space and Biodiversity:** The application proposes the removal of existing hedgerows and vegetation, which are vital habitats for local wildlife. The loss of these natural

features would not only harm local biodiversity but also diminish the green space that we, as residents, value highly.

- **Infrastructure Strain:** Our local infrastructure, including schools, healthcare facilities, and public transport, is already under pressure. This development would exacerbate these issues, and the proposal does not adequately address how these additional demands will be met. Comment is made regarding the developers proposed financial contribution but it is unclear how this would resolve these concerns satisfactorily.
- **Environmental Concerns:** The site is home to various species of wildlife, and the proposed development could disrupt their habitats. I am particularly concerned about the potential impact on protected species, which should be a priority in any planning considerations.
- **Community Disruption:** The construction and subsequent increase in population density could lead to disruptions in our community's quality of life, including noise, dust, and a general increase in activity that may not align with the peaceful nature of our neighbourhood. This area has already been subject to considerable developments recently such as the ongoing Templegate works and Ockley Park.

In conclusion, I urge the planning committee to consider the significant adverse impacts this development would have on our community. I believe it is essential to preserve the character of our area and protect the environment for future generations.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Cottrell and Grace Fogg