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Dear Planning Officer,

I wish to object to application DM/26/2178.

My concern is that development around College Lane seems to be being considered one small application at a time rather than looking at the cumulative effect on the area.

There are already seven new houses permitted immediately next to this proposed development. This application would add another six. Whatever the individual traffic figures for six houses might be, the effect on College Lane should surely be considered together with development that has already been approved.

College Lane has no pavement along much of this section and is narrow and winding in places. Parked cars make some sections effectively single lane, and at busy times vehicles already have to stop and wait for oncoming traffic. Pedestrians, runners, cyclists and horse riders all share these roads with vehicles.

I am also concerned about what successive developments are doing to Hurst Wickham itself. Land which was previously part of the countryside is gradually becoming residential development. Approving one development and then using that development as the reason why the adjoining countryside is suitable for further development seems capable of progressively moving the village boundary.

There are also existing concerns locally about the sewer network during wet winter weather. Before adding further houses, I think it is reasonable for the Council to establish that the existing infrastructure can cope with both this development and the houses already approved.

I therefore ask the Council to consider the cumulative effect rather than assessing these six houses in isolation, and to refuse the application.

Kind regards

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