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Re: Planning application DM/25/1129 Land at Foxhole Farm

Dear Sir/Madam,

We are writing, as residents of Chapel Rd and Crosspost, Bolney, to express our strong objection to the Foxhole Farm planning application.

We feel that adding a large development anywhere in Bolney will put too many more vehicles on the road because public transport (by bus) is insufficiently frequent for getting to appointments and the routes serve limited destinations, hence cars are the only realistic method of travel.

More houses will also change the rural character of the village and cause inconvenience and increased hazards for existing residents, both in the building phase and then afterwards by increasing traffic volumes, causing more queuing for junctions and spoiling the narrow streets and country back lanes with traffic which doesn't know the roads, travelling at inappropriate speeds, as the result of traffic jams and accidents.

The proposed development of Foxhole Farm is very worrying because of the proximity to Chapel Rd and the huge effect it will have on our lives at this end of the village. Already we see traffic volumes at peak times in excess of what Chapel Road can safely accommodate, causing frustrated drivers to queue up on the very narrow stretch of road to negotiate the dangerous junction. We residents try to avoid being on the road ourselves at these times as it is so hazardous. The stretch of the A272 along here has unexpected vehicle movements in/out of the industrial estate, garage and people's drives and there are a lot of accidents and near misses. Adding another access road (to Foxhole Farm) in the middle of all of this seems very dangerous, especially as it is on a bend.

Chapel Rd will also inevitably be used for construction traffic increasing frequency of both large and small vehicles. It will also be used as a holding area outside the construction site as these type of areas are always in demand.

Foxhole Farm and various other sites were excluded from the Bolney Neighbourhood Plan because of their unsustainability and unsuitability for development. We hope that this application for a disproportionate number of new houses in Bolney will be rejected.

