

## Katherine Williams

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 22 July 2025 07:40  
**To:** Katherine Williams  
**Subject:** Objection to Proposed Housing Development Ref DM/25/1593

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Dear Katherine,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development of new homes at DM/25/1593 Merrow Wood via entrance of Woodlands Close, on the grounds of serious concerns relating to road safety, traffic congestion, environmental impact, and overdevelopment.

### **1. Increased Traffic and Congestion**

The proposed development will result in a significant increase in local traffic volumes. The surrounding road network, particularly Kiln Road, is already under strain, and the introduction of dozens (or potentially hundreds) of additional vehicles will exacerbate congestion, especially during peak hours. This not only inconveniences residents but also raises serious safety concerns.

### **2. Dangerous Road Layout and Junctions**

The junction with Kiln Road is already known for being hazardous. Introducing more traffic into this area without major road safety improvements is irresponsible and potentially dangerous. The proposed road layout does not appear to adequately account for visibility, turning space, or pedestrian access.

### **3. Risk to Pedestrians, Especially Children and Families**

This area is used daily by schoolchildren, families, and other vulnerable pedestrians. An increase in vehicular movement significantly raises the risk of accidents. There are limited safe crossings in the area, and additional development will further compromise pedestrian safety.

### **4. Environmental and Ecological Concerns**

The proposed site is home to a variety of natural habitats and mature green spaces, which serve as an important ecological buffer and support local biodiversity. Developing this land would destroy natural habitats, harm local wildlife, and disrupt the existing green corridor. Furthermore, the loss of open space reduces the overall wellbeing of the community.

### **5. Air and Noise Pollution**

Increased traffic will naturally lead to a rise in air pollution, particularly nitrogen dioxide and particulate matter, as well as noise pollution – all of which negatively affect public health, particularly for children and the elderly.

### **6. Overdevelopment and Strain on Infrastructure**

This proposal represents overdevelopment of the area. Local services such as schools, GP surgeries, and public transport are already at or near capacity. Additional homes will place further pressure on these services without any clear strategy for expansion or improvement.

### **7. Lack of Sustainable Planning**

There appears to be little in the proposal that addresses sustainable development practices, such as

low-carbon building methods, proper stormwater management, or long-term traffic mitigation. Planning decisions must reflect environmental responsibility and community wellbeing, not just housing targets.

For all these reasons, I urge you to reject this application. The potential consequences for residents' safety, local infrastructure, and the environment are too severe to overlook.

Thank you for considering my objection.

Yours sincerely,

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