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Ref. planning Application 19/03416/OUT/David Kenyon

Dear Sir,

I am writing to register my objection to the above referenced planning application at Manor Farm, my reasons are as follows:

- 1) There are already two outstanding applications for major housing developments in Templecombe, plus a number of smaller ones. These already add up to in excess of 200 dwellings and the above application will bring the number to near 300.


This is an excessive number of housing development being a significant percentage of the existing housing stock and likely to change the character of the 'Rural Settlement'. So this application, being the most recent, should be declined.

- 2) The vehicle entrance to the proposed development is on a bend, near the brow of a hill, on an already overloaded A357 and represents a significant safety risk to residents and road users. There is inadequate pavement throughout Templecombe for pedestrians and in fact the road itself is inadequate for the volume and size of vehicles already using this road. More development can only make this situation worse.
- 3) In spite of a so-called study into this development, by a commercial company, the impact on the population has not been properly assessed. Given general demographic statistics, the increase in population has not been met with any proposals, from SSDC or the developers, for the construction of extra classrooms at the local primary school. The local health care centre is also already overloaded with patients.
- 4) It would seem that development in Templecombe is in response to pressure from central government to build more homes, but there seems to be little in the way of proposals from local or national government for improvements to the local infrastructure which should precede any development. These include roads, footpaths, the school, the water supply, drainage and sewerage systems.
- 5) Lack of employment in Templecombe (other than limited professional employment at Thales) means that residents must use transport, mainly personal vehicles, to commute to destinations some miles away, increasing traffic and the carbon footprint.
- 6) Building over land that is currently green fields is also bad for the environment affecting wildlife and flora and fauna. SSDC should be promoting the planting of trees not more houses, to reduce carbon footprint.

It is my firm belief that the proposed development at Manor Farm is not suitable or necessary for Templecombe should not be approved.

Yours faithfully

Paul M. Hawkins



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