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To Local Planning Review Consultation

## Ref: Bowden's Lane Shillingford Development Proposal

Dear Sirs

I am writing to express my objections and concerns to the Review and Proposal of development in Bowden's Lane Shillingford.

- The traffic would increase throughout the village increasing Highways responsibility.
- There are no shops or public houses or other commercial interests in the village.
- Residents of the new development would have to shop outside the village so would mean travelling outside the County or to Bampton where parking is already an issue.
- The risk of traffic incidents would increase.
- The lack of footpaths in the village would cause a safety issue as more people would be walking on the road.
- The lane where the development is proposed is very narrow so this would also not accommodate footpaths. Again causing a risk of safety to any pedestrians.
- The nearest Doctors surgery is in Bampton and already fully subscribed.
- The local school in Bampton is now fully subscribed too. Meaning travel out of the County or to Bolham 8 miles away.
- There are no employment possibilities in Shillingford so this also means travelling away from the area and possibly to other Counties.
- The size of the village would dramatically increase beyond any recommendations of standards.
- The size of the access road to the development is very narrow and would sustain the size of the proposed development.
- The lifestyle of existing residents would be compromised to the extent of parking, traffic and traffic noise and use of the medical centre in Bampton.
- The fields in question have a lot of runoff water already and the extra would impact on the existing properties which back on to the development (Banfields & Sawyers Mill)
- The overall area would change the unique character of the Shillingford Village.
- There are electricity pylons on the proposed field.
- The sewerage system is already struggling to cope with existing drainage.

## On a personal note:

I moved here 11 years ago from a built up area to enjoy a life in a small village, and chose this house because I was on the understanding that Agricultural farmland would not be built on. I and many of my neighbours enjoy the area being of natural beauty and the wildlife that visit these fields. It has a natural and peaceful surrounding which would change due to noise from this development.

My privacy and light levels would change and I would be overlooked.

I am also concerned about the safety of people in the village, not only during construction but afterwards due to increased vehicles in and out of the village.

Yours Faithfully