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**Subject:** Objection to Proposed Residential Development north Gosditch

I was horrified to learn through your mail drop that a new housing estate is proposed for the beautiful fields behind the school /Gosditch. Thank you for drawing this to the attention of our village, and I'm sure there will be mass support against this proposed development.

Much time has been spent developing the Ashton Keynes neighbourhood plan which clearly supports additional housing in our village with strong opinion this should be confined to existing brown field sites and within the settlement boundary. This is acceptable to the current community in Ashton Keynes as this would not spoil the existing historic framework.

This proposed estate is slap bang in the centre of our old part of the village which currently has a precious identity dating back 100's of years. This is a primary reason why people choose to live in Ashton Keynes (and pay high prices to do so ). The proposed development is outside the settlement boundary and on a green field site, directly opposing Ashton Keynes neighbourhood plan. This in itself should prevent development. We have choices where we decide to live and those choosing to live in Ashton Keynes do so because it is a relatively unspoilt village of outstanding natural beauty, and epitomises rural living. The old village identity would be ruined by mass new building and completely out of keeping. Am very surprised this site is not protected as part of the village conservation area.

Once a field is built on it is lost for ever, and the proposed fields are a joy to walk through and next to, for young and old alike. It is a piece of much needed tranquillity in an ever increasing stressful pace of life. Further the fields are full of natural flowers and fauna and wildlife which can be observed through the changing seasons, therefore an education for all.

Our village has one small village shop on a high road that is not fully flanked by pedestrian pavements. It has limited parking in the village hall car park but ,although deterred to do so, there are almost always 3 vehicles at a time parking directly outside the shop. This is tolerated but causes congestion. The proposed development of 60 new homes will potentially support an average of 120 private vehicles (two per home) . Vehicle and pedestrian access to the high road would be via Gosditch which is very narrow with many blind spots, the increase in traffic both to Gosditch and the high road would be unacceptable and dangerous.

Therefore, I strongly object to the proposed development north of Gosditch, for the above reasons and sincerely hope the fields can be retained and preserved for the village.

Ros Elliott , Resident, Ashton Keynes