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Subject: Objection to proposed Housing Development North of Gosditch

Having read all the relevant information at the Public Consultation Event on 28.10.2015, I would like to register my family's most strong objections to the proposed Housing Development on Land at Dairy Farm Bungalow and Dairy Fields, Ashton Keynes.

Having lived in the village for 36 years, there has been a lot of change and growth during that time. I appreciate there is a need for new housing to maintain a balance in the village and provide for all sections of the population. Accordingly, the draft Ashton Keynes Neighbourhood Plan with the proposed new houses at Carter's Haulage site and the former Cotswold Community (both brownfield sites) adequately meet any requirements over the next 10 years. Also both these sites are within the Settlement Boundary. I strongly support this Neighbourhood Plan which is well thought out and appropriate for the village

However, the new development proposed north of Gosditch would in my opinion be very detrimental for the village for many reasons.

1. It is a greenfield site and should be left as such.
- 2 This beautiful open green space adjacent to the village school has well-used footpaths crossing it including part of the Thames Path. These are used on a daily basis and would be lost - or at least become mere concrete walkways between buildings.
- 3 It is important ecologically and the site could be at risk of river and groundwater flooding.
- 4 There is no way parents are going to drive all the way to the top of Gosditch and then through a housing estate to park when in a rush to get to work or pick up children in the afternoon. (Having taught for 24 years at AK School, I am very aware of parental behaviour!).
- 5 Presumably some of the housing would be for families and the village school is already full to capacity. The school buildings (some 'temporary' mobiles for many years, others old Victorian rooms) are inadequate for the existing school population without a further large intake making classes even bigger.
- 6 The B4696 is a very dangerous road and to have cars turning off/on at the proposed access point would make it even more so. The sheer volume of increased traffic along this road with new residents would make all junctions - at the top of The Derry, Gosditch and Cox's Hill more hazardous than they already are.
- 7 To build here would create village sprawl and possibly provide a precedent for the loss of other open green spaces around the village.

In conclusion, whilst there is a more than adequate Neighbourhood Plan in place, why is this even being considered?

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