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Subject: Gosditch development.

We would like to register our objections to the proposed development on land to the north of Gosditch.

1. On the grounds that it is an important open space central to the village which is used by families, walkers on the Thames Footpath, visitors to the area.
2. The proposed plan does not show fully all the footpaths which cross the area and are available to villagers at present. In particular the footpath which runs along the side of Drummond House
3. If the current entrance to the school is closed off to force people to use the new carpark and new entrance to the school, this concept will fail as parents will continue to park in Gosditch and use the cut through by Drummond House to enter the school.
4. Or, parents from the other end of the village on the way to school and then on to work will drive down Gosditch, then turn right onto the B4696, and immediately right again into the proposed estate. The B4696 is extremely busy, especially at rush hour. It carries a great deal of heavy goods vehicles, and the current 40 m.p.h speed limit is rarely adhered to. So this will be very dangerous unless a roundabout is installed. Since we cannot on grounds of cost get traffic lights installed at the Spine Road Junction where there have been numerous accidents and deaths, it is unlikely the Road Traffic Authority will fork out for a roundabout. Plus the road haulage industry will complain bitterly about hold-ups on the through run to the M4.
5. The other alternative route for parents will be to go up Cox's Hill and turn left onto the B4696, which at rush hour will equally cause problems.
6. Our prime objection is that the school is already oversubscribed. Children already living in the village are being refused places at the school. This will mean more Portakabins on site, more teachers, and more parking needed. Thus the available green open area available to pupils for sport and recreation will be reduced further in addition to the area being closed in by the new adjacent housing.

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