

## Malcolm Carter

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**Sent:** 05 November 2015 17:21  
**To:** coordinator@ashtonkeynesneighbourhood.com

Dear Sir

I am responding to the invitation to comment about the proposed development north of Gosditch: first, I support the neighbourhood plan as it stands; second, I would add my voice against the Gosditch development.

All of the points made in the flier - ecologic site, public rights of way, school bulking out. flooding risk, and extra traffic - are fully supported. The 'raping' of green spaces when brown field sites are available should not be allowed; Ashton is already short of green lungs thanks to it being hemmed in on three sides by the aggregate industry; the extra traffic problem is understated as you only have to see what happens on our narrow village lanes when small developments are allowed, and even when renovation works are carried out. Such development will only encourage yet more village sprawl on what few 'green & pleasant' sites the village possesses. You only have to observe the unchecked expansion of Swindon into the green belt to wonder about planners priorities - never mind the diktats from the 'Eton Mess'.

Sincerely  
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