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**To:** DPD  
**Subject:** New houses proposed for Shillingford

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to complain about the proposed option of 51 new houses for Shillingford as set out in the Local Plan. I feel that any additional homes in Shillingford would greatly affect the whole character of the village by increasing its size by 68%. This is clearly far too great an increase for a small village to endure. This would put a great strain on the small lanes in the area with an increase in traffic causing a real nuisance as well as a real safety issue. There is limited access via Bowdens lane and without a footpath coming out onto the main road would further cause safety issues for both older residents and children visiting the play area. There is already a high car dependency within Shillingford and your proposal would only increase this.

The proposed site would also put a great strain on the sewage works which is currently located on the flood plain which has been flooded very recently. There would be a loss of prime agricultural land by building on this site and thereby changing the very nature of the whole area.

On the southwest corner of the field opposite Banfields, behind the hedge floods quite regularly during heavy rain and the surface water runs down the middle of Banfields road. My fear is building on this field would only make the problem worse.

I suggest that the adverse impact of such a proposal would significantly outweigh the benefits and I am strongly opposed to the erection of new properties in the proposed area.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Gill White