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18th March 2014

Re: Proposal to build houses in Shillingford

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to express my concern and disapproval of the proposed option of 51 new houses for Shillingford as set out in the Local Plan. I think that additional houses in Shillingford would greatly affect the whole character of the village by increasing its size by 68%. This is a huge increase and, combined with the loss of major agricultural land, changes the character of the whole area.

Another issue of concern is the safety issue relating to the increase of traffic on the small lanes in the surrounding area, especially at the junction leading onto the main road. There is limited access along Bowdens land and there is no footpath along this route. The position of current houses along this land makes the addition of a footpath very difficult if not impossible. The high car dependency within Shillingford would be increased significantly and cause a high volume of traffic to use this minor route.

The sewage works in Shillingford is also a concern as this is currently located on the flood plain and flooded quite recently. The increased strain on the works would very likely increase the likelihood of this occurring more often in the future. I am also concerned about the likely increase in surface water that currently runs down our lane during rainy weather. My fear is building on this field would only make the problem worse.

I therefore oppose the building of new houses on the proposed site.

Yours faithfully

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Mr C Baker