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To whom it may concern,

I would like to express my concern over the proposal of building 51 new homes in the field behind Banfields and Bowdens land in Shillingford. There is a site at the old garage in Shillingford that has had planning permission for 3 houses for the past 4 years. If there was a need for houses in the area then why has this site not been developed already.

I feel that this site is totally unsuitable for new houses as it would not only put a great strain on the small lanes leading up to the site but would also cause a health and safety issue for walkers along this route. Shillingford is an isolated village that has a high car dependency already and this proposal would greatly increase this problem.

I also feel that the addition of 51 new homes in Shillingford would significantly 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 undergo. The removal of agricultural use on the land would also be a great loss and change the character of the whole area. Not only would that, but the strain on the sewage works on the flood plain also be a cause for concern for the residents in the area. At the bottom end of the field there is already regular flooding during heavy rain which causes a lot of water to run down Banfields road and building on this field would make this problem worse.

I believe that the adverse effects of building on this field would greatly outweigh any benefits to the area and I strongly oppose the idea.

Yours sincerely,

Mr D. R. White