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The Old Police House  
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Regarding: The local development plan and any more development in the village of Sandford.

Dear MDDC and Sandford Parish council,

I would like to express my sadness and frustration regarding the incredibly unsympathetic development of the 19 houses in Sandford. The field that is being developed is situated by the scout hut, pre-school, toddlers group and school. Allowing this development has effectively stopped hundreds of children getting into the countryside. As a Beaver Scout Leader, I know that the scout groups used to regularly use this space, as there is no other open area nearby. Of course it was extensively used by dog walkers and families. I have been across that field almost daily for 17 years since I have lived in Sandford. Building a small play area does not anywhere nearly compensate for the loss of this field and I find it unbelievable and shameful that no one managed to negotiate a proper buffer area between the houses to act as a garden area for the Parish Hall and Scout Hut. We live on the corner of Back Lane and Fanny's lane and the extra traffic from the 19 houses will make this junction very congested at peak times.

I have heard rumours that a further application is being considered for even more houses. I wanted to voice my opinion that this development is more than enough for Sandford and that any more 'infill' into what remains of the field would simply be unbearable and ruin the character of the village entirely. Personally, we would seriously consider relocating entirely, an opinion not uncommon with local residents. It would be the final straw, as we live in a busy part of the village with lots of traffic as it is.

Breathing spaces of open countryside are also important in villages, please think of the current residents and don't grant permission any more houses in Sandford.

I am now off for a walk down our 'strip' of remaining countryside in Sandford. Please don't take that away from our young family.

Yours sincerely

Phil Rydin-Orwin

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Regards Phil Rydin-Orwin. Director (Engineering & Accounts).

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