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I am a resident of Aldingbourne parish, having owned a home in Hook Lane for 30 years.

I have not objected to planning applications so far, but am objecting strongly to the development proposed in application AL/11/24/OUT.

My principal reason for the objection on this occasion is that the proposed development destroys the biodiversity corridor that exists on the site. This (and other) such corridors are absolutely vital for the migration and viability of many species, including those which are already threatened by recent development elsewhere.

It is essential that the rules governing the protection of corridors are adhered to i.e. no building within 50m of the designated area.

As a resident with a keen interest in nature, I can confirm that this site is rich in biodiversity, including a diverse population of insects, bird and butterfly and water voles (which I have observed last year).

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Other more general, but equally important reasons for refusing this development:

- The infrastructure in the area is at breaking point:
- There are no school places available locally. they are all over subscribed with pupils being re-routed to rural schools (which many families with working parents cannot reach)
- The doctors surgeries are full
- Emergency service response times are getting longer and longer as our roads become gridlocked at peak times
- The roads are gridlocked as a result of local flooding, sewage spills, installation of infrastructure to support developments, installation of utilities to support developments and repair of potholes. New developments simply add to this misery.
- The "planning gains" we were promised to help relieve congestion on the A29 are no longer going ahead. The concept of a major development exiting onto the A29 at Pine Close is quite frankly ridiculous when the traffic is backed up past this point for many hours per day already.

Generally, we as residents have lost all confidence in the impartiality, independent research and common sense of planning in this area. It is obvious to everyone except the planners that the general area can not sustain any further increase in population without the necessary infrastructure being built BEFOREHAND.

I am hoping that on this occasion, the wishes of residents and the protection of our natural environment will prevail in putting a halt to this damaging and insidious plan.

Malcolm Guy

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