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I am writing to express my objection to the development PGP1 grove end farm. I live directly behind the proposed site [REDACTED] I have lived here just short of three years with my partner and dog moving from a very built up area in Bristol.

We moved to whitminster for the spectacular views and lovely friendly village atmosphere. Our house and home office looks out on to the proposed land and we regularly sit and watch the birds and deer that frequent the fields and woodland, My partner [REDACTED] has a keen interest in wildlife and has spotted many crested newts which we believe are protected, we often have bats flying up to our windows and many birds of prey - if the housing estate is granted all of these creatures will be driven away.

It is truly a lovely place to live. It was devastating to find out that this land could potentially be destroyed by 2,500 houses plus when there are already several built up new build areas within a few miles - Stonehouse, Quedgeley and Berkley to name a few. Within the village there have been houses for sale that haven't sold quickly or remain unsold so why are these new houses needed? It's also my understanding that this land is outside of the development boundaries? being outside the boundry we never thought that this land would potentially be built on and if we had known we would have never moved here.

Living on the A38 we notice the amount of traffic which includes heavy lorries but also many commuters, with poor bus links can these roads really cope with potentially 2,500 at least more cars?! that's if they each have one car per household when many have two or more. We find crossing the road when walking our dog can take quite a while with the amount of traffic and high speeds which will significantly increase with the build and become more dangerous to cross.

With the new works to restore the canal missing mile this could bring some tourism walkers /boaters but would they really visit if they had to pass through a huge housing estate? They would be visiting to see the beautiful countryside. We regularly speak to the farmer who rents the land and he is utterly devastated as more and more of the land that he uses for his sheep and cows are being taken over by housing - where will these animals graze? taking more and more Agricultural land away from farmers making their job increasingly difficult.

We understand that affordable new houses are needed as the population grows but for a small village we are talking 10s not 1000s wouldn't it be best to expand the current new build sites? eg The site behind the school which already holds new builds which would be within the boundry and not cause as much upset to the land and residence.

We honestly thought this would be our forever home that we would settle and start a family in - bringing children up in a small, safe and beautiful village with a lovely little village school.

I hope you can take our points on board and help keep this village a village with green space.

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