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From: Hayley Parsley
Sent: Monday, March 17, 2025 4:45 PM
To:
Subject: Objection to planning

Dear Sirs,

I have resided in Stebbing for 45 years and have witnessed various housing developments over time. While I acknowledge the need for housing, I firmly believe there are more suitable and safer locations for such projects.

Our community diligently crafted a Neighborhood Plan, which carefully identified the best areas for new housing while preserving precious green spaces. These open areas are vital for all to enjoy and help maintain Stebbing's picturesque charm.

Unfortunately, the proposed new application falls outside the boundaries of our Neighborhood Plan. Moreover, these sites are nestled within "important and protected views" on green spaces. If our Neighborhood Plan isn't taken into consideration, it begs the question of its purpose.

The Motte monument holds immense historical value for Stebbing, attracting many visitors who walk the footpaths surrounding the proposed sites. Numerous visitors have marveled at the breathtaking views offered by these locations.

All of the proposed development sites are verdant open spaces with panoramic field views. The proposed entrances, however, pose a threat to an already precarious spot, particularly with schoolchildren coming and going.

Furthermore, the Stebbing Brook running alongside these sites is home to Freshwater whiteclawed crayfish. A study has highlighted a troubling decline in their numbers, likely due to environmental stress and water quality issues. These crayfish are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, and the runoff water from the new housing could exacerbate their precarious situation.

Notably, two Barn owls have been frequenting the proposed sites for several years, supported by video evidence. These owls, too, enjoy legal protection under the 1981 Act.

I kindly request that you refuse this planning application in light of these concerns.

Sincerely,

Hayley Parsley