

I have lived in Stebbing for 25 years, and see this site every day. I also agree there is a need for more low-cost housing in the area. Unfortunately, This plan is not the answer.

I have three objections to this proposal:

1. It is contrary to the agreed village plan which had strong local democratic support after significant consultation and which provides identified sites for housing. What is the point of having an agreed plan if it can simply be ignored?
2. This site does not provide only low-cost housing - it is a clear attempt to trade a significant village amenity for maximum profit. By amenity I mean the view South over the Downs (the last such view along the whole village High Street, which is also adjacent to the Castle Mound and ancient houses.
3. Parking at the school on the high street already creates a serious safety hazard with one side of the road usually blocked, on a blind bend. Access to this site will create a major problem for the safety of children and serious difficulty for traffic as it joins the High street exactly where the school parking obscures the bend.

I am happy to clarify any of these points.

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