

Additional Representation – Objection to Planning Application AWDM/0810/26

Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to provide further comments in support of my previous objection to **Planning Application AWDM/0810/26** and would be grateful if this email could be added to the planning file.

Having now had further opportunity to review the proposed site layout and discuss the proposal with other local residents, I remain extremely concerned about the impact this development would have on this important rural site.

My principal concern remains the loss of the existing farm buildings, which I have personally observed being used by a breeding pair of barn owls. I have video evidence showing an adult barn owl returning directly into one of the barns to feed its young. In addition, I have regularly observed bats using the site together with slow worms, grass snakes and other wildlife that depend upon this established habitat.

The proposal would replace the existing agricultural buildings with ten detached dwellings, roads, driveways, parking areas and domestic gardens. Whilst landscaping and a buffer zone are proposed, these measures cannot replace a long-established ecosystem or the habitats that currently exist.

Having studied the plans in greater detail, I am also concerned that the development represents a significant urbanisation of what is currently a historic rural farmstead. The increase in hard surfaces, residential activity, external lighting, noise and domestic pets has the potential to adversely affect both the immediate site and the adjoining marshland.

I would also like to express my concern that many local residents were unaware of this planning application until it was discussed informally within the community. This has resulted in considerable concern amongst people who value the area's wildlife and rural character.

I respectfully ask that the Council gives full consideration to the ecological evidence available, including protected species using the existing buildings, before reaching any decision on this application.

Please would you acknowledge receipt of this letter and confirm that both my original representation and these additional comments have been placed on the planning file.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours faithfully,

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