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Hi,

Please find below myself and my husbands (Paul Lipscombe) submission for comment for planning applicatkon AWDM/0628/26. We are residents of the phase 1 development on Elizabeth Square.

Formal Objection – Planning Application AWDM/0628/26 (Bellway Phase 2)

I object to planning application **AWDM/0628/26** due to serious concerns about access, safety, infrastructure capacity, transparency, and Bellway's failure to complete Phase 1 properly, ie poor state of the roads.

1. Sword Street Cannot Support Phase 2 Traffic or Construction

Sword Street is already overburdened and has unsafe junctions. Using it for construction or residential access would severely impact residents and extend disruption far beyond what Bellway originally stated. **All access should be via Martlets Way.**

2. Unsafe and Illogical Access Plans

Bellway proposes commercial access via Martlets Way but residential access via Sword Street. If Martlets Way can support commercial vehicles, it can support residential traffic. Sword Street cannot.

3. Phase 1 Remains Unfinished

Phase 1 still suffers from dust, unfinished roads, broken infrastructure, poor landscaping, and long-outstanding snagging issues. Bellway should not be granted permission for Phase 2 until Phase 1 is completed to an acceptable standard.

4. Construction Logistics Are Unclear

Bellway has not explained the build sequence, access points, storage locations, or how heavy vehicle movements will be managed. This lack of clarity poses safety risks.

5. Phase 2 Is Much Larger Than Residents Were Told

Residents were assured Phase 2 would be small. The current proposal is significantly larger, increasing pressure on roads and local infrastructure and undermining trust.

6. Concerns About Social Housing Transparency

In Phase 1, Bellway sold unsold homes in bulk to housing associations, creating a higher proportion of social housing than stated. Clear, binding commitments on tenure mix are essential for Phase 2.

7. Infrastructure Cannot Support the Proposed Scale

Local junctions are already inadequate, and no meaningful upgrades are proposed to support the additional 123 homes and commercial units.

Conclusion

The proposal is unsafe, unsuitable, and incompatible with existing infrastructure. I urge the council to reject the application unless:

- All access is via **Martlets Way** or the **Barrington Road link**
- Sword Street is **prohibited** for construction and residential access
- Phase 1 issues are fully resolved
- Binding tenure commitments are provided
- The scale of Phase 2 is reduced to what was originally presented

Regards,

Anne Burke