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An Objection to the Development of Bassingthorpe Farm and the surrounding areas

I wish to object to this development proposal on the following grounds :

Additional Pressure on School Places / Finances

This proposed development will have a detrimental impact on both education provision and school finances.

An increase in housing development across Rotherham, from this proposal, will lead to a far greater demand on school places – under fives, primary and secondary. Schools will need to find further pupil places from any increased population that would arise as a result of these developments. In particular more school building expansions/developments would be needed at a time when the public finances in general face sharp cuts in funding over the next decade.

At a time when public sector capital funding will experience a 50% cut by 2014 inevitably reducing funding for Rotherham’s school buildings, this proposal will have a detrimental impact on local schools and their pupils. Many schools are experiencing low educational attainment levels and any increase in pupil numbers from this development will mean additional pressure on schools (e.g. building expansion) and their reduced capital funding. Many schools buildings are in poor condition and need to use their finite capital resources to maintain / improve current buildings without extra pressures to expand building provision at a time of projected capital funding reductions.

Using the evidence outlined above, I would urge the Council to reconsider / reject this proposed development due to the risk of adverse impacts on the educational attainment and financial stability of local schools.

Yours Sincerely,

Signed

Date