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To: [Local Plan](#)
Subject: South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan (VCHAP) (Reg. 18 Draft)
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Dear Sirs

**South Norfolk Village Clusters Housing Allocations Plan
(VCHAP) (Reg. 18 Draft)**

I am writing to lodge my objections to the VCHAP proposed for **Little Melton**.

I do not believe that any of the proposed sites in Little Melton (preferred nor shortlisted) are suitable for development. Such development would be contrary to SNVC Objective 3 - Protect the character of villages and their settings.

Little Melton is already over populated. Many residents do not currently have a GP or dentist and other supporting services are already overstretched. Little Melton is a small village with no amenities. Traffic volumes are already too high and health and safety is a concern.

My objections are detailed below:

1. Current development

The last local plan stated that Little Melton would be allocated an additional 10 – 20 dwellings, subject to form, character and servicing

constraints, during the period 1 April 2008 to 31 March 2026. We are now in 2021 and once the development opposite the school is complete we will already have an additional 110 dwellings. This exceeds the original allocation by 5 – 10 times.

2. Landscape Protection Zone / Settlement Limit

Development of SN0488 and SN4052 are completely unacceptable as they are both within the Landscape Protection Zone. Furthermore, all preferred and short-listed sites fall outside of the existing Settlement Limit. Prior to purchasing my property in School Lane, I undertook extensive research regarding the LPZ. The results of this formed a major part of my decision to ultimately make my purchase as I was attracted to the field views surrounding the property.

3. Traffic

Traffic volumes in the village of Little Melton are already too high giving rise to issues such as safety, congestion, noise and pollution.

4. Infrastructure – supporting services and amenities

The village does not have the infrastructure to cope with further development. The nearest medical facilities for residents of Little Melton are The Humbleyard Practice in the neighbouring village of Hethersett. They have recently made a public statement expressing that they are already at breaking point and cannot cope with the current demand. My family and I are still unable to register with a dentist after moving to Little Melton in October 2020. We are having to travel over 100 miles each way for dental treatment at our previous practice.

5. Wildlife and nature

Any development will adversely affect the local wildlife including bats and red kites which are both protected species. Red Kites have been part of the longest continuous conservation project in the world.

These birds nest in broadleaved woodland and search for food in the open countryside.

6. Health and Wellbeing

An increased population will dilute community spirit and have a detrimental effect on the village's character and the quality of life for its residents. Country walks have been immensely beneficial to the

physical and mental wellbeing of residents during the Covid-19 pandemic. The loss of access to our countryside will have a negative effect on everyone living in Little Melton.

7. Environment

There are already drainage issues in the village which will only be exacerbated with increased development. Flooding from surface water is a constant threat. Last winter, the gardens at 107 and 109 School Lane were flooded for several weeks.

I would be grateful if you could take my concerns into consideration and look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards.