

PLANNING REF : 251486
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 365 Barkham Road
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SUBMITTED BY : Mr Jack Lewis
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/08/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally object to Planning Application No. 251486, which seeks permission to build 16 dwellings on a wedge of land in Barkham, with access onto Edneys Hill.

Whilst not an exhaustive list, outlined below are several reasons on why the proposal would have a detrimental impact:

Housing Style, Design and Density

- The proposed housing style is completely out of character for the area.
- The inclusion of flats shows that the proposal has not properly considered the Barkham Village Design Statement (VDS).
- The level of housing density proposed is not only out of character with the area but the subsequent limited parking provision will inevitably create additional pressures on surrounding roads.

Infrastructure

- The proposal promotes further congestion and pollution to the interfacing Barkham Road, Edneys Hill and surrounding area which is not welcomed.
- The extent of dwellings within the proposal would introduced unnecessary strain on the limited capacity of existing drainage and sewer systems.

Landscape

- The applicants claim that there will be "no detrimental impact on landscape, character and scenic beauty" is refuted and the proposal would, in reality, create irreversible damage to the landscape.

Wildlife

- I would challenge that the proposal properly considers the impact on wildlife that the wedge of land currently supports.
- Red kites frequently use the land in question and the proposal would contradict local and national biodiversity policies.