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***FEEDBACK STARTS BELOW:***

Ref - KS3 1. The overall assessment summary deems the site suitable for allocation. I do not agree with this on grounds of safety, due to the proposed access route from Cow Drove Hill. The access route will not be suitable for the volume of traffic generated by the proposed number of houses. The immediate risk is the turning out of the track onto Cow Drove Hill, as sight lines are very poor, and the steepness of the hill would make emergency stops required by any traffic coming down the hill virtually impossible. The volume of traffic that can come down the hill at excessive speed. The second risk is that posed to traffic coming up Cow Drove Hill; just at the bottom there is very poor visibility of traffic coming down the hill. Right at this point is a pull in next to the entrance to Old Froman's Farm, which can provide an emergency escape in the case of meeting anything coming down the hill. If the proposed development were to go ahead then parking would be at a premium in the whole area and this pull in would inevitably be regularly used as a parking space, removing the escape route. Thirdly the junction at the bottom of Cow Drove Hill with Stockbridge Rd would pose a high risk of accidents due to increased congestion. It is often very difficult to turn into Stockbridge Rd from Cow Drove Hill at busy times, and on many occasions residents have had to turn left and go completely around the village (via New Lane) as it is just not possible or safe to turn right. Given the extra traffic this will result in impatience from drivers with the inevitable risks taken. It will also create congestion on the lower part of the hill, which will be increased by the lorries that use the hill, and sometimes require the complete width of the road to make the turn into Cow Drove Hill. The separate analysis in 2.4.6 does not provide any details of these risks. Furthermore, given that sites KS1 and KS2 are rated as Amber under the question of 'How is the site accessed?' I do not see why KS3 is rated Green; the access routes are the same. 2. I would also like to express concern over the suitability of the site due to flood risk. I do not feel that the assessments completed to date provide satisfactory assurance that the houses immediately between the site and the stream, and the rest of that section of the village, will not be at increased risk. Given a development of the proposed size, surely there will be an issue with runoff water, which would previously have soaked into the ground, now running over the development footprint and overloading the lower part of the site and immediate area, even if that was not built on, with resulting impact on the water table and increased risk of flooding. 3. The section on 'Is the site viable for development' refers to 'ransom strip issues'. This term requires clarification, and more detail as to the land it refers to.