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FEEDBACK STARTS BELOW:

The fields between Stockbridge Road, New Lane and the Winchester Road are a particularly important area of green space on the edge of the Village. They are not intensively farmed and provide a haven for wildlife right on the edge of the Village. Barn and Little Owls can frequently be seen hunting within the fields indicating a rich diversity of smaller wildlife. The area contains a public footpath enjoyed by many. The view from the Clarendon way is a key village aspect and even used as the illustrating photo for the section on Green Spaces.

This area should be allocated as a LAGS for the following reasons:

1. The fields which contain KS5 & 7 were originally designated an Important Open Area, prior to the LAGS definition but still meet all the criteria as demonstrated in the NDP Green Spaces assessment document. It is hard to understand any logic for not allocating this as a LAGS.
2. In the Village survey 93% of villagers agreed that ""landscape features, such as green space and surrounding farmland should be identified and preserved"" KS5 & 7 are iconic examples that should be protected and villagers overwhelming views respected.
3. For the Community the area is a key aspect of the Village and a defining view from the Clarendon way. It is often used as an illustration of the beauty of the village contained within the valley as illustrated on the front of the Green Spaces section of the NDP. In addition the area contains a public footpath enjoyed by many for the space, tranquillity and wildlife.
4. The LVIA states that "any development here will be seen as an encroachment into the much larger field". This is a key point. The other parts of this area are considered not suitable for development because of the threat to the enlargement of village boundary and the impact on the visual beauty of the village, and yet allowing parts to be developed will undoubtedly lead to the remaining areas being very vulnerable to future building.
5. The plan states that KS5 has access issues that would only really be solved by the development of KS7 giving access off New Lane. This does not make sense given KS5 is prioritised as a preferred site ahead of KS7 and other areas within the village boundary. The Plan does not seem to take into account the issues associated with developing individual sites in isolation and the inevitable knock on effect of prioritising a site like KS5 that needs a second site to be developed for access. This would have the effect of linking KS5 & 7 together.
6. KS5 & 7 lie outside the Village boundary and development of either area will irrevocably alter the aspect of the north eastern end of the village.

The entire area containing KS5 & 7 should therefore be allocated as a LAGS. This would be inline with the purpose and stated objectives of the NDP and respect the almost entirely unanimous view of villagers as stated in the introduction: "A key requirement from Parishioners was to protect and enhance our natural and historic environment which includes the conservation area, its listed buildings and the numerous rural views". Developing KS5 & 7 would be completely contrary to this, ignore the views of villagers and open the door for the influential and professional land owners concerned to develop the rest of the land currently containing KS5 & 7.

KS5 and 7 are not allocated as LAGS but in the Green Spaces document are the only area within the whole assessment that tick all boxes for being a LAGS and yet has not been allocated as one. The table in the Green Spaces document ticks all the LAGS criteria for the 'meadows behind Spencers Farm and Manor Farm House up to Pine Mead', but are not allocated as LAGS , while others areas within the village that only have 4 out of 5 ticks have been designated as LAGs. This defies common sense and will be hard to justify.