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***FEEDBACK STARTS BELOW:***

Access: the access from Highfield (off Cow Drove Hill) is extremely narrow, is in close proximity to a Listed cob wall belonging to Old Fromans and is of insufficient width for two cars to pass side-by-side meaning there would only be single lane access to any development on KSIII. Mention is made that this narrowing of the access could be seen as a natural 'traffic calming measure'. I question whether traffic calming into such a small development of homes, mostly bungalows intended for the elderly, is a valid reason to try to make a positive from an access which is clearly inadequate and downright dangerous if combined with foot access. An access road for KSIII would also have to be built across KSII, which was ruled-out for development. Surely an access road constitutes 'development'.

Tarmac lorries coming down Cow Drove Hill from the Tarmac plant at the top of Cow Drove Hill present a danger to anyone pulling out of Highfield onto Cow Drove Hill, particularly with the entrance to Springfield directly opposite.

Views: KSIII is clearly visible from the top of Cow Drove Hill and all the way down Cow Drove Hill on the footpath inside the hedge (on the field side) which constitutes The Clarendon Way. Other sites have been ruled out of the NDP on the basis of visibility from The Clarendon Way. Why aren't all sites subject to the same scrutiny? The South Downs Landscape Report is wrong and should be undertaken again with due consideration to the visibility of KSIII from The Clarendon Way.

Sewerage: The sewers in King's Somborne have been known to burst at times of extreme flood events and as the report suggests, cannot handle any further homes being appended to the already overloaded system.

KSIII has considerable capacity in its top half to absorb water coming down the hill from adjacent farmland. The lower section of KSIII is active floodplain and has been observed as such during recent flood events. I question the wisdom of building on land and reducing its capacity to absorb water in a sensitive area such as King's Somborne which is renowned for its extreme flooding events approximately once every 10 years. The bridge over Froghole Lane has proved to have been built too low, with water at times of flooding circumventing the bridge to the Northern side, so any additional run-off will exacerbate this problem and raise water levels accordingly, putting further homes at risk. See attached photos from February 2014 (also included below) taken from Willow Cottage and Froghole Lane during the most recent extreme weather event.

KSIII being within 7.5km of the protected Mottisfont colony of Barbastelle bats, and with KSIII's designation as 'unimproved farmland' and with evidence that Barbastelle bats use KSIII for feeding and roosting, KSIII is an open space that should be preserved in perpetuity.

Siting any new development (KSIII) to the North of the busy A3057 is madness. All village amenities (except the pub) are to the South of the A3057, for example the school, the church, the two shops, the village hall, the bus stops, the recreation ground, kids play area, MUGA and the Scout hut. Unless a safe crossing point is proposed across the A3057, it is just not safe to increase the number of people, specifically elderly people and young families, having to cross the main road on a regular basis to access village amenities and bus routes to surrounding towns and cities.

I moved to King's Somborne XX years ago because I wanted to live in a village. The village, however, seems hell bent on turning itself into a town by adding unnecessary amenities, and now unnecessary housing. King's Somborne is already the largest village in the Test Valley area and I feel we should be trying to maintain the status quo and not be on a constant mission for 'more'. On that basis I question the need for the number of houses proposed. I support the concept of an NDP wholeheartedly and absolutely see the advantages, however, as it stands, it is inconsistent, ill thoughtout and needs work to make it suitably robust against future legal challenges.

Ref site assessment of KS3

Listed Buildings adjoining the site: Old Fromans to the East is mentioned but the assessment fails to mention Crown Hill Cottage and Willow Cottage to the South West and Yew Tree House to the South, all of which abut KSIII. The setting of these Listed Buildings will all be affected by development on KSIII.

Mention is made of the potential for intermittent noise from the Tarmac plant at the top of Cowdrove Hill but no mention is made of the bird scaring cannon which fires two shots in quick succession every half an hour or so when the field above KSIII has been sown with seed in the spring. This would be a considerable noise nuisance for the elderly (bungalows are proposed for the site) and for young families with children trying to sleep.