

Dear Sir or Madam,

### OBJECTION TO CHALGROVE STRAT 7

I am amazed that anyone would even consider submitting an application for so many new houses at the Chalgrove Airfield site (STRAT 7).

Have you ever visited Chalgrove? It's a small, village with a friendly community. People live there because of the rural nature, the quiet and the friendly village atmosphere where most people know each other and people chat to each other in the street. There are lots of small social groups and events, we have a lovely small school for our children to grow up in, we can get appointments with our local doctors surgery when we need one, we can go for a short walk and be out in the countryside in a few minutes, we see lots of wildlife on a daily basis and we like to have tractors driving down the road or horses trotting along it. It's the sort of place that if you fell over in the street someone would help you up, children can happily cycle down the road on their own, you can walk through the village at night without worry, if the street floods we all turn out to help those in need and you can chat to someone over their garden fence even if you have never met them before. People that live in villages like ours don't want to live in towns or on large housing estates. We don't want to have to sit in a traffic queue to get out of our road, we don't want to have to wait for weeks to see a doctor when we are ill, we don't want our children to have to be one of a huge class, or have to put up with increased traffic and noise pollution on our rural roads.

Where are all of these people coming from and where will they work? We are already being persuaded to have a couple of hundred new homes in Chalgrove and this must be sufficient to accommodate any local future generations that wish to remain in the village. If they are for people moving from outside our area and they are going to work in Oxford, Didcot or Culham then surely it is more environmentally and people friendly to reduce their commuting time and build near where they are going to work. They certainly won't be working in Chalgrove.....as there are not the opportunities to do so! Public transport links from Chalgrove are poor so why not chose a site better suited to helping people to commute more conveniently. The only good transport link nearby is the M40 but access to the junctions from Chalgrove would cause major traffic issues for Watlington, Cuxham and Little Milton. Watlington is already a nightmare to get through at busy times, so it won't be able to cope with any extra traffic. Our small local roads are not suitable for large volumes of traffic or as rat runs meaning that even more of our lovely wildlife will be polluted, killed and wrecked. We don't want our roads widened, our facilities upgraded, our local economy stimulated or our countryside sterilised thank you very much! There is no evidence that development of this site is necessary or is the public interest.

What effect will all of this building have on the already flooding-prone areas of our village? If you have never experienced water coming into your home you would not understand the worry that is caused by it, every time it rains, every time you go away, every time more precious rain-absorbing land is taken out of the system. Would we have any recourse against the builders, planners and District/County Councils if this building causes worse flooding?

The proposed plans to build on Chalgrove Airfield is not complying with SODC's Strategic objectives: OBJ7.2 conserve & enhance our rich & varied historic assets and their settings; OBJ6.1 empowering local communities to direct development within their area; OBJ5.2 support development that

