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Dear Inspectorate,

I am writing on behalf of myself and 23 other residents across East Chesterton, who have authorized me to respond on their behalf regarding the proposed plans to relocate the sewage works to Honey Hill to make space for a new development. We strongly believe this proposal is severely under planned and fails to consider the current infrastructure, as well as the significant impact it would have on residents, the environment, and the local community.

Environmental Concerns

Relocating the sewage works to Honey Hill would:

1. Encroach on greenbelt land, depriving the community of spaces enjoyed by locals.
2. Negatively affect local farming capacity and threaten nearby ecosystems.
3. Position a sewage plant dangerously close to the River Cam, posing serious risks to the water table. Given Anglian Water's historical difficulties in preventing sewage leaks into waterways, this raises significant concerns about potential environmental harm.

Impact on Traffic and Pollution

The new sewage works would result in increased traffic, with tens of trucks transporting waste daily. This would worsen congestion on already overcrowded roads in the area, leading to higher levels of pollution and reduced air quality.

Threats to Local Wildlife

Honey Hill is a nature-dense area near an established nature reserve. It is home to nesting swans and several endangered UK species, such as barn owls and bats. Construction and operation in this location would irreparably harm these species and their habitats.

Impact on the Community

The proposal to replace the current sewage works with a new development comparable in size to Chesterton reflects a severe lack of long-term planning. North Cambridge does not have the infrastructure to accommodate such a population increase, including insufficient roads, community resources, and green spaces.

Additionally, the construction of large buildings would alter the character of our area, which is valued as an urban village on the edge of the city. This would harm the mental well-being of residents and disrupt the unique sense of community that currently exists.

Conclusion

The residents of East Chesterton do not support this proposal. Existing facilities are adequate to meet current demand, and the disruption, environmental degradation, and strain on infrastructure caused by this plan would be detrimental to the area.

We respectfully urge you to reconsider these plans and explore alternative options that better balance development with environmental preservation and community well-being.

Kind Regards
Ryan