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The following is a comment on application **P230457/F** by **Heather Fryer**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: The road access is inappropriate, why are we developing in an AONB and next to Conservation Area and Listed properties?

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: Resurfacing the road, improving drainage provision along the road and more capacity at the Doctors surgery for the additional village residents. A second entry off Stone Drive??

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Form reference: FS-Case-499409841

I am writing to object to the proposed development of land to the South of Old Church Road (Application number P230457/F).

This proposed development consists of 36 houses with the site off a single lane track road, Old Church Road. This is a country road that links the village to the Church. It serves a small number of properties and but is not a suitable access road for 36 houses and especially the trucks which will be needed for this type of development. At the section where the proposed access road is proposed to be sited the road is not wide enough for two way traffic and is not wide enough for a proposed pavement link to Stone Drive. The proposed pavement will mean the piping of the existing swale which even the current open swale struggles with moving water in heavy rainfall from the Malvern Hills. Piping this will create blockages and who will maintain these. This will create the potential for more water running down the road (which happens already with a large open swale) and the surface washing off creating more potholes. The pavement will also require hedgerows to be cut back with consequent reduced habitat for the abundance of wildlife that use them.

The design of the pavements where users have to cross the carriageway to use them and cross back in a very short distance will render them pointless and users will simply walk in a straight line up the road into oncoming traffic on the corner of Stone Drive.

The area is an AONB and does the village appreciate this development being in the AONB. Also does I note that no planning notices have been displayed around the site advertising the proposed planning and inviting objections. Why is this?

The development in an area of outstanding beauty is not in keeping with the character of the area. That character is of mixed housing of different interesting architecture along Old Church Road. Some of these are very old, of listed nature and within a conservation area. A modern clinical development is not in keeping with this.

This area of the village is a green space and area to allow soak away from the Hills and for the built up and tarmaced areas of the village. The character of the area and village will be adversely impacted and the access is wholly inappropriate. Rural character of the village should be maintained and development in a Conservation Area and AONB should not even be considered.