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I wish to object to the proposed development in Smitham bridge road my reasons are as follows. Historically i have lived in Smitham bridge road for the last 44 years and i have witnessed numerous changes in the surrounding area. Some have been good and some have been in my opinion totally wrong but without dwelling on whats happened i will list my reasons relating to this plan.

- 1 The plan states that a recognized gateway to Hungerford is along North Standen road and suggests construction traffic and future occupiers of this proposal will use this route to access this site. This is totally nonsense as this road up to the A4 at Froxfield is predominantly a single carriageway way unsuitable for commercial vehicles
- 2 In my experience mixing residential properties with commercial is a recipe for disaster with constant complaints to the council with regards to noise and in this proposal the use of machinery and vehicle movements
- 3 The only practical way into Smitham bridge road is through Church street then through a narrow chicane, you could argue that the chicane is a natural traffic calmer but in reality it causes immense problems for articulated vehicles getting through to the protected employment area ie industrial estate due to the parking arrangements on the road.
- 4 The council has already turned a blind eye in allowing 100 allotments in Marsh lane allowing plot holders to use the site for parking this potentially can create more than 200 vehicle movement along the same route per day. now with a further 44 dwellings and as i believe creates 9 vehicle movements per day will create a further 396 thats a minimum of 596 vehicle movements, Smitham bridge road is not capable of this amount of traffic.
- 5 I am aware that the land owner of the allotment site and the developer are using the allotments as a bargaining tool to obtain planning permission surly this should not be the case it should be judged on its merits not on profitability.
- 6 As a resident of the town i also raised my concerns when the houses at penny farthing close were at local discussions i was led to believe that they were to be allocated to local people which i felt pleased about as my own children were at the stage of entering the property market but it appeared that they were used to re house the residents from Platt court so that site could be re developed. In conclusion i dont have any confidence in the council for making decisions in regards to the existing residents of this area and i hope you can relate to my objections