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To: Neighbourhood Planning
Subject: The neighbourhood plan for Southbourne.

If it
This is a terribly bad plan, for southbourne and for the residents of the proposed houses. It would create a new village, remote from the current village, and the residents totally dependent on the motor car. If it assumed that house occupancy will be two adults and two children per household and that one child is of primary age and the other of secondary school age, the numbers would overwhelm the existing primary school and the Bourne college. This is obviously exaggeration, but with half the numbers it would still be a problem. If as proposed a school is built with the houses, this will be a primary one and there will remain the impact on the Bourne collage. Given the distance between collage and the planned housing, most children will probably be transported, making a difficult traffic situation even worse.

The other problem is who will fund the new school? Will it be the builder or is public money involved? And the same question applies to the projected doctors surgery and the new level crossing of the railway line.

Traffic flow does not appear to have been considered either. The bulk of this will probably use Stein road for one reason or another. All in all, the plan of a garden village is a disaster and should be scrapped. It would be more sensible to build on both sides of the village centre so that the existing facilities and services can be accessed on foot.

My proposal is that on the east side, building should take place on Breach, both sides of Cooks lane and all of Strides land.

Access through an extension of Breach avenue at the top, and on to Cooks lane for the houses lower down.

I would like to see a simple foot bridge linking the two developments by Seaward, and a foot path on the south side going into the primary school playing field.

On the west side, extending Half Penny lane to a road bridge over the railway, would give the residents here direct access to the A259. The buildings could follow the public footpaths, surrounding the collage playing field, with access to the village centre by means of St Johns road and Manor road, or further up onto Stein road, using an upgraded farm track.

If a bridge is out of the question, then the present crossing gates should be made safer with warning lights added. These gates are much used by the collage pupils, who have to go through a gate and look both ways.

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