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To: Programme Officer
Subject: Shirley Gorham – Core Strategy Examination

For the attention of Kath Thorne - Programme Officer

In my opinion the 500 houses at Park Farm are going to cause huge traffic/parking problems in and through the town.

The Castle School is causing severe congestion in Park Road due to teachers parking in the road.

If the Grammar school site is to close this will exacerbate the problem by more students and teachers trying to park their cars.

A much better solution could be to close off the school access completely in Park Road. Either locate the entrance within the Park Farm development site, or, better still, close the school - build more housing (closed off from the Park Road area), and re-locate the school and perhaps some housing on the land at Morton Way.

Any extra housing (particularly at Park Farm which is going ahead) is still going to cause a lot of traffic problems, and, as for all the extra cars trying to park in the town I feel that a lot of people will avoid the town altogether due to a lack of facilities. Of course the police station site could provide a car park (????) but I expect this has already been earmarked for yet more housing!

Park Road is my main concern - as I have to use it. I think that moving the school to Morton Way could be a very viable alternative and much easier for school traffic and coaches.

Regards - Shirley Gorham