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**RESPONSE TO DMM25 – LAND AT A27 AND STATION ROAD JUNCTION
DEVELOPMENT SITES AND POLICIES PLAN PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS**

I am writing to object to the allocation of this site for future development.

I did not find this land shown for any development in the Local Plan submitted to the Inspector for Public Examination and discovering its late inclusion has meant that myself and others did not have the chance to be present or speak at the Examination when it was discussed.

I have lived in Portchester for many years and remember it was a green space before the A27 trunk road was rerouted to bypass the Portchester shopping precinct in 1970 and it was left as a 'green lung' for residents to enjoy.

This land is situated on a very busy major road junction used by heavy traffic and many pedestrians. There have been numerous accidents on the Station Road junction and one happened only last week (26 February) when a car collided with the railings. Vehicles accessing or leaving this proposed site into Station Road would create a dangerous traffic hazard.

At up to 3 storeys in height this proposed building is an overdevelopment on a very cramped site and would overlook the adjoining buildings most of which are bungalows.

A very similar planning application was made for this site in 2005 and the grounds for refusal then were:

Overdevelopment of the site

Inadequate off street parking and provision for service vehicles

Un-neighbourly effect upon adjoining houses

No contribution to open space

The same reasons apply today plus the fact that the traffic is far greater than in 2005. Traffic lights now positioned at the bridge in Station Road cause tailbacks to add to the confusion.

If the decision is made to include the site in the Local Plan for Older Persons accommodation then there should be at least 1 car space per unit plus visitor parking and provision for service and refuse vehicles to access the site. The site should be not more than 2 storeys and should have a provision that it is not developed for any other purpose.

Elsie Martin (Mrs)