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Dear Sir/Madam

I am contacting you regarding the SWDP allocation of twenty seven properties at Mill End Racing, Netherton Lane, Elmley Castle.

I understand that neither the Parish Council or the local community have had notification of this wholly inappropriate allocation, and have not had the opportunity to comment on a development outside of the village planning boundary.

As someone who lives in Netherton, who has had applications refused for being outside of the Elmley Castle planning boundary, I find it incredulous that Wychavon can 'move the goalposts' when it suits them. [REDACTED] was initially refused permission for his bungalow but was eventually given permission (on appeal from memory) due to the nature of his proposed business - [REDACTED] This specific business was the only reason that his application was approved outside of the planning boundary.

This SWDP allocation has now made a complete mockery of a boundary that has determined many refusals over the years in Elmley Castle and its surrounding hamlets and this decision will potentially see a revisiting of historic, unsuccessful, applications. Wychavon will set a dangerous precedent by making this allocation through the back door.

This demonstrates a shocking double standard on the part of the Wychavon Planning Department and there can be no plausible justification for allocating this site, in this location, for residential development. This allocation has been included at the last minute, there has been no consultation with residents or the Parish Council (statutory body) and the location lies outside of the well defined planning boundary for Elmley Castle. The access to the site is dangerous and there is historic evidence of flooding in this area. This allocation will further erode the open space 'buffer' between Elmley Castle and the hamlet of Netherton.

I would suggest that this decision is revisited and this particular allocation is removed from the SWDP.

Sincerely

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