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Dear Sirs
I wish to object to the planning appeal lodged for the above planning application as follows:

- I live along London Road and believe the impact of this application will be detrimental to the local environment with not only increased traffic, but will remove the habitat for a wide variety of birds, animals and grasses. I have recorded at least 30 different varieties of birds in the fields and wood surrounding Downlands Farm. Included amongst these are some of our not so common birds such as Redwings, Mistletoe Thrush, Dunnocks, Kite, Buzzard, Blackcap, Marsh Tit, Treecreeper and Barn Swallow. I have also had site of a Yellow Wagtail and many Pied Wagtails and Owls. There are also many butterflies and bees using these areas. We once spotted an eel in the stream that runs through Budletts Common. Bats are regularly seen flying around the area too.
- Flooding will increase due to the fields being turned to concrete and tarmac, there will be nowhere for excess water to soak into. We have some wonderful old trees to soak up excess water and if these are removed to make way for houses, flooding is likely to occur. The stream which runs from London Road to Budletts Commons flooded at least 5 times last winter and this has never happened before. I have lived here 11 years and can only attribute this to current new developments and lack of green spaces. Our green spaces are very much needed in the current world we live in.
- Another deep concern is the increase in traffic to London Road, Snatts Road and the A26. London Road (Budletts roundabout to Ringles Cross) is already a busy road and with many driveways and turnings off the road, it is an accident waiting to happen. The current speed limit on this section of highway is 60mph and there have been many accidents over the years. This will only increase with a larger volume of traffic and makes it unsafe for all turnings in and out onto London Road.
- Doctors, dentists, schools are already full. These services are already at breaking point and more people will only make matters worse;.
- The town supermarkets and car parks will struggle to cope with additional people.

Please add this email as an objection to this planning application.

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