

NA25: Land to North East of Drove Road (Number of comments: 50)

Topic	Summary
Housing numbers & scale	Villagers argue ~65 homes is disproportionate and prefer ~20–25 phased to proven need.
Sewerage / wastewater	Recurring tanker operations and pumping station capacity issues; fear of river pollution if capacity is exceeded.
Traffic & access	Narrow lanes, limited footways and poor visibility raise safety concerns for construction and resident traffic.
Water supply & drainage	Reports of low pressure/outages and surface-water run-off causing localised flooding; upgrades required.
Employment & services	Limited local jobs/services imply commuting and associated impacts.
Community-led / support	Many state the allocation is not community-led and seek transparent engagement or a referendum.
Electricity / power	Frequent outages and capacity constraints imply reinforcement works before occupation.
Public transport	Withdrawal of bus services increases car dependency and reduces accessibility for lower-income residents.
Education & schools	School place pressure and car-based journeys to Wherwell/Stockbridge noted.
Landscape & ecology	Loss of hedgerows/habitat and light/noise pollution could urbanise a sensitive rural edge.
Policy & process	Errors/omissions alleged in supporting papers; requests for corrections and conditions.
Settlement boundary / countryside	Strong opposition to building outside the settlement boundary on open countryside.
Support (positive) / conditional support	Some support a modest, needs-led scheme with clear infrastructure mitigations.
Flooding (localised)	Village centre flooding and run-off pathways highlighted as existing risks.
River Test (chalk stream)	Concern about protecting the rare chalk stream from overflows and nutrient loading.
Brownfield & windfalls	Calls to prioritise brownfield/windfall infill over greenfield allocation.
Broadband / communications	Residents cite unreliable/at-capacity broadband; digital infrastructure may need investment.
Healthcare / GP	Stockbridge Surgery capacity flagged; developer contributions requested.
Heritage / archaeology	Potential impacts on known/possible archaeological assets demand assessment.

Comments from Statutory Consultees

Environment Agency	Water supply & drainage Comment highlights the site's location on a Principal aquifer, stressing the importance of groundwater protection during construction. Policy & process Notes that draft Local Plan policies CL4 (Water use and management) and ENV5 (Pollution) adequately address these concerns. Groundwater protection Raised as a specific issue linked to the site's aquifer status and construction impacts.
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Southern Water	Water supply & drainage Confirms there is sufficient water network capacity for the proposed 135 dwellings. Sewerage / wastewater States the site is outside an existing sewer catchment but capacity assessment on the nearest catchment (served by Chilbolton Village Pumping Station) shows adequate sewer network capacity. Offers to provide the sewer point of connection used in the assessment if required.
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