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To: Neighbourhood Planning
Subject: Houghton NDP

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing to you concerning the Neighbour Development Plan that the Houghton Parish Council has submitted to you which I, whole heartedly, support.

The village of Houghton is and always has been a rural village with the river Test running through. It has some important listed buildings and recent developments, especially to the south of the village, have had an adverse impact on the character of the village. There is a danger that 'creeping urbanisation' might damage the situation further as many new houses have been built thereby destroying some trees, hedgerows and, most importantly, open green spaces. It is these green spaces that are so fundamental to the 'village environment' and which have recently been preserved when two applications for new buildings were refused.

With very few community assets in the village the allotments are of particular interest to the community and the request for building there was totally unsympathetic to the wishes of the village. We really do not need any more houses in Houghton having exceeded the target that was set. The current boundary settings for the village do go a long way to preserving the open spaces and reflect what is both desirable and in keeping with a long history of a typical rural English village.

So I support the adoption of the NDP in order to preserve the character and charm of the village.

Yours Sincerely

Richard Priestley