

MAJOR PLANNING APPLICATION

Comments to SODC close 5 July 2025

An application for planning permission has been made for for the demolition of existing equestrian buildings and the erection of seven detached and semi-detached dwellings with access, parking and garaging and amenity space on Woodway Farm at the junction of the B4009 and Aston Rowant Road. The application reference is P25/S1671/O.

The parish council is **objecting** to the application on the basis that:

- It expands the village boundary.
- Opens up the south side of the B4009 to more development - especially as there are two small fields next to the farm.
- It involves the loss of farm buildings needed for farm activity and stabling; agricultural applications for replacement buildings on open fields may follow.
- The application does not fully meet current planning policy. The new local plan - soon to be confirmed - virtually bans all new housing in parishes such as ours.
- The view from the AONB and nature reserve will be of more housing, cars, light pollution and will affect the 'rural farm setting'.
- The parish has poor public transport making the location unsustainable. Further, the sharing of access with the farm is not considered sensible and nor is a busier junction, close to a chicane, that will be used by those accessing the proposed housing.

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS HOLDING A PUBLIC MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH JUNE AT 1930HRS IN ASTON ROWANT CHURCH.

In the meantime, please take time to look at the application and consider lodging an objection on SODC's planning portal. **The deadline for comments is 5 July.** The application can be viewed at <https://tinyurl.com/swymwh9x>.

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