To whom it may concern,

I wrote to you, as so many others doubtless will, to object as strenuously as I can to the proposed building of 1670 additional houses in Chitterne without a sound infrastructure to support it. The building of so many houses in a rural market town on essentially green field sites will have a considerable impact upon the quality of life of existing residents. Not only would the countryside be lost forever in those areas earmarked for development but there are no guarantees for providing water or wastewater services, or for extending health care provision, car parking or significant highway improvement. 1670 new houses will provide over 4000 new residents, over 2000 cars, 300 children of secondary age. Yet there appear to be no plans to cater for these pressures.

Since I moved to Chitterne - 1972, there has been considerable housing development in Chitterne which has been gradual and largely on brownfield sites with the notable exception of High Moor estate.
Building around Kirkmey, Church Barn, Pincross Mill and Lodge, Riverlea Gardens, Copperfield Close, Sir Ben's Craft are obvious examples of what could be described as sympathetic development within the town. What is particularly unacceptable about your plan is the wholesale destruction of fields and farmland at the Skarden Estate, fields off Waddigham Road, fields parallel with Kempke View and beyond Hentorn Road.

I know of not one resident in favour of any such building. Everyone I spoke to is horrified by the loss of character, the congestion, the destruction of green space that such building would involve. What a legacy your plans would leave.

I object to your unsound plans which leave me deeply dispirited. I now have a loss of faith in democracy for no matter how many letters you receive or how politely we protest I am sure that you will ignore the views and wishes of the people of Bletcham.