

Dear Sir or Madam

I write to express my opposition to the planned expansion of Bottesford housing. A minimum of 428 new houses in Bottesford will put extreme pressure on a village with very limited resources. Such an influx of population will increase demand for resources very considerably and put impossible pressure on eg doctors' surgeries, schools and drainage facilities.

Public transport in and out of Bottesford is minimal, so an increase in car traffic is inevitable. Parking, which already limits through traffic to one lane at a time on the main through road, will become even more congested, and traffic conditions will make roads increasingly hazardous both to drive and to cross. Pollution and quality of life will both suffer.

From the point of view of the building works themselves, Bottesford is not the most appropriate place for development. Its flood risk is high, and there are other sites in Melton Borough with lower flood risk. Paragraph 7.22.3 of the Melton Local Plan already states that 'sites at risk of flooding can only be allocated for development if there is insufficient land available in areas with lesser or no flood risk'; so the planned development for Bottesford is already in contradiction to your own stated policy.

Residents in and around Bottesford already feel that their comments are being ignored. I would appreciate acknowledgement and a response to this comment.

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