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Curdridge Parish Council make the following comments:

1) Firstly, the future of the Strategic Housing Allocation (SHA) at Whiteley will affect Curdridge because of its impact on the whole infrastructure within the parish, as well as the significant increase in traffic.

The proposed development of upto 3000 houses at Whiteley could come close to the boundary of Curdridge and the expansion of Whiteley and the building of houses in Curbridge could only be supported if there was improved facilities and infrastructure and it is important that this is put in place before or during the early stages of development.

Road congestion at present is unacceptable and any expansion of Whiteley should include the Whiteley Way and the Botley Relief Road for which there should be appropriate environmental screening.

At present there is only one main route into and from Whiteley and when there is an incident there is total gridlock. BEFORE any further development the Whiteley Way and Botley Relief Road should be put in place.

The development of these roads must also take into consideration the needs of pedestrians, cyclists and horse-riders, as well as vehicles.

2) Secondly, the proposed Strategic Development Agreement (SDA) for up to 6000 houses North/North East of Hedge End will greatly impact Curdridge if the Strategic Gap and land sensitivities are not maintained as per the Core Strategy proposals. The additional impact on parish infrastructure and increase traffic would cause significant problems, and would permanently change the rural character of the parish of Curdridge (and neighbouring parishes like Durley).

Curdridge and Curbridge has only two public houses and a primary school which right now cannot take children from the village. To support additional dwellings would require an infrastructure change. Lanes such as Wangfield, Vicarage, Chapel and Curdridge cannot take more traffic. The Doctors surgeries at Wickham, Botley and Bishops Waltham are already at bursting point and we believe there is no NHS dentist in the area.

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