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**Vicky Phillips**  
**Assistant Town Clerk**  
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The Town Council OBJECT to this application, which is not in the local plan, and for the following reasons:

**Countryside Location, Layout and density of building and landscaping**

The Town Council are not satisfied that the exceptional circumstances stated are a good enough reason for siting this development in a countryside location. Vision 2031 states '*there is a need to ensure that the countryside is enhanced through any new development*'. The application is an over development of the site and overbearing. The development is near a major main road, is not safe for residents, and compromises the natural character, local distinctiveness and green space surrounding the area. The site will directly impact on the greenbelt buffer, which is a condition of the adjacent Great Wilsey development, designed to protect Kedington and Little Wrattling. The development does not relate to the existing settlement of Haverhill and its services.

**Sustainability**

The site is not sustainable needing to rely on a private car to travel to the site by both staff and visitors. There is no provision for pedestrian/cycle paths and the suggestion of a new nearby bus service is speculative. The current service to /from Bury St Edmunds or Haverhill is limited and there are no plans to increase or change these services.

**Parking**

The Town Council agree and reiterate SCC Highways holding objection to this application.

**Loss of Amenity**

Removal of the Riding School would result in a loss of jobs for local people, loss of a well-used amenity for local people, and the development would severely impact on the wildlife and ecosystem.

Demand for this type of provision is not known and speculative. No support from local GP's or medical providers has been provided.

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