The people of Rudloe would like to object to the Hannick Homes application for the following reasons.

It is outside the existing settlement boundary and only encourages urban creep. To maintain the integrity of each community there needs to be a gap between the villages otherwise the area will gradually descend into urban sprawl. Now we also hear that this application has encouraged another developer, Redcliffe to fill in the area between Rudloe and Corsham. With the Gladman, Hannick, Redcliffe, and the three MOD brownfield sites, we will have more than our fair share of development. It will radically change the character of the local community. We would not like to see Rudloe effectively joined to the other communities and double or even triple in size.

This brings me on to the facilities or rather the lack of them. Rudloe has one rather limited corner shop and ancient telecommunication facilities. We share doctors and dentist with Corsham and Box but these are full to overflowing. The community needs services rather than development otherwise, it will just turn into one giant dormitory town.

Which brings me to the next objection. The B3109 is already widely used by busses, heavy vehicles, and private cars. Access to the proposed development is between two blind bends and there was an accident at this location on the 13th Dec. The local residents are concerned about the increase in traffic and the congestion that this development will bring. In the mornings, the MOD can be very busy and more people commuting will only add to the problem. Public transport is average and we don't have a railway station so most journeys are made by car.

The final objection is that this development site will have negative impact on the environment with the loss of farmland, fields, and habitat. The National Planning Policy Framework published in March 2012 requires that planners and developers should aim to conserve and enhance the natural environment through the planning system. The proposed development goes against this, as there will be a loss of habitat for butterflies such as a green hairstreak and other wildlife.

We love the countryside around Rudloe, we walk and admire the views. I’ve spoken to many people and they are are both sad and angry that developers seek to destroy the mental and physical well-being of the residents by building over our wonderful green landscape. We don’t want to be inundated by sprawling housing estates.

In summary, this proposed Greenfield development on farmland is not sustainable. It destroys the environment, encourages urban creep, the local facilities are non-existent and the infrastructure is insufficient to support more housing and traffic. Furthermore, it is surplus to requirement, as our housing needs will be sufficiently provided for by brownfield sites