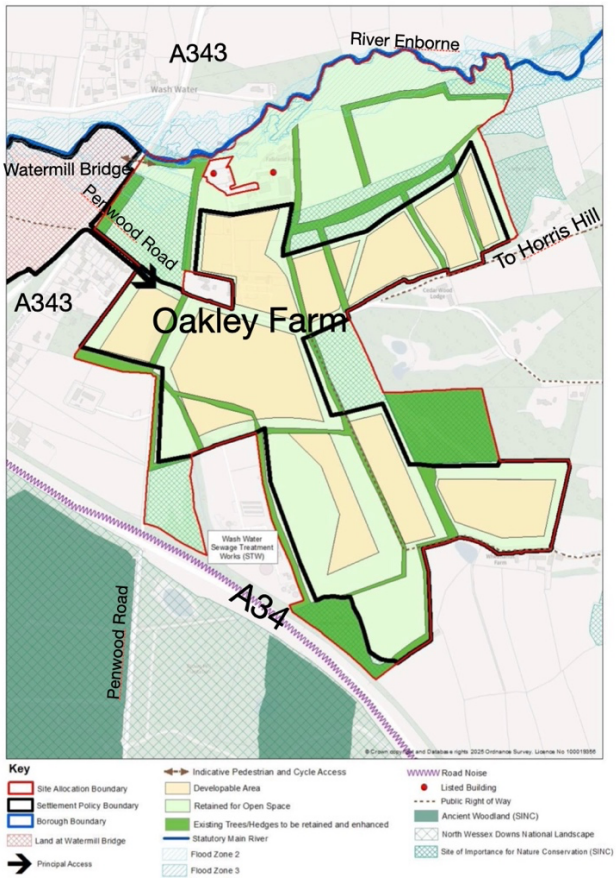
CALL FOR ACTION- BY 31 OCTOBER

STOP THE ADDITIONAL 500-HOUSE DEVELOPMENT AT OAKLEY FARM (OPPOSITE WATERMILL BRIDGE)



Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council is proposing in its new local plan to support planning permission for a **MASSIVE 500-house development** on land at Oakley Farm, Wash Water, adjoining the River Enborne, in addition to the 270-house development at Watermill Bridge. The Council even describes it as "a new suburb to Newbury."

Residents in **Highclere, East Woodhay, Wash Common, Enborne Row, Penwood, Woolton Hill, Broad Layings, Horris Hill & Newtown Common** will all be hugely impacted if this proposal is not stopped.

We, your local representatives on both sides of the River Enborne, urge you to join us in opposing this unwanted development in the countryside.

BACKGROUND

Like other councils, Basingstoke Council is required by the Government to provide for increased housing – 40% more in Basingstoke's case (6,000 additional homes). 270 new homes have already been given approval at Watermill Bridge, opposite the site. This site at Oakley Farm may solve their quota, but it is **totally unsuitable** for a development this large.

WHY?

- Borders the River Enborne, a natural corridor and **flood risk zone**.
- In addition to the new housing commencing at Sandleford, Newbury and local residents will be faced with up to 20,000 extra car movements per week from the Wash Water developments.
- It is countryside with no immediate facilities (Highclere parish has only 470 residents in 197 dwellings), the burden of services provision will fall on Woolton Hill (GP, schools, roads etc).
- Adjacent to Thames Water's Wash Water Sewage Treatment Works.
- Contains Grade II Listed Granary and Mill buildings.
- Threatens nearby conservation areas and wildlife sites.
- A34 noise pollution will affect the entire area.
- Borders Great Pen Wood and the North Wessex Downs Area of National Landscape.
- Reduces the gap between Newbury, Highclere and Woolton Hill settlements.

TIMELINE

These proposals go to Basingstoke's Cabinet on **11th November**. If approved, they will enter public consultation: Local residents must make their opposition heard now!

WHAT CAN YOU DO NOW?

Write to **Cllr Andy Konieczko**, Cabinet member for planning at BDBC and express your objection- an objection guide and email address for your objection is available on **www.highclere-pc.gov.uk** under Planning

If you want to be kept up to date with our campaign, please email:

Amy White, Clerk to Highclere Parish Council: **clerk@highclere-pc.gov.uk**

Together we can stop this development if we act now!

Your representatives: Cllr John Izett – Evingar BDBC; Cllr Sam Carr- Evingar BDBC; Cllr Adrian Abbs- West Berks Council; Cllr David Marsh- West Berks Council; Highclere Parish Council; East Woodhay Parish Council