

**Call for Sites**  
**Residents comments**  
**General**

Opposition to potential housing development in Marden: Transport - we do not have the infrastructure to cope with these massive housing developments. The narrow lanes which all the extra cars, vans etc would exit onto cannot cope, all this extra traffic would have to get to and join already crowded A and B roads. The nearest M road being thirty minutes travel time at the moment. This alone makes these developments absolutely unsuitable for such a rural area. Also the huge number of extra vehicles would add to the local pollution. The trains with all the new developments in Marden and surrounding areas have long since reached their capacity to carry all the passengers that wish to use them around rush hour times. The trains cannot be extended in length and no extra trains can be added to the timetables. Marden has now a situation that the local car park for the residents is now the free overflow parking for commuters. Environment - The loss of many hundreds of acres of green fields will have a massive detrimental landscape impact on the village, as well as affecting the wildlife loss of habitat and the problems that light pollution has on the insect population, there would be even more strain on the village sewage and water supplies. Given climate change we need to keep as much countryside intact for as long as possible. Planning - Housing developments have many times been refused North of the Railway, and the situation has not changed, in fact the strain on local services and roads is now worse due to the extra hundreds of new houses now occupied and still to be built. Many of these houses have not been sold yet so the congestion in and around Marden is still escalating. Consequences - The village of Marden is being submerged in new housing estates, the very developers that sell the ideal of country life are completely destroying that idea with their estates, that will concrete over acres of countryside should their plans be allowed to go forward. Solution - Marden has suffered as an open building site with lorries clogging up the village with noise and dirt and constant roadworks for years now while the new developments are being built. The village needs a moratorium on building to give it time to assimilate the new housing before any new ones are approved in the future.

**Reasons disagreeing with proposed building plans:** As Marden has already seen considerable development over the past few years we do not agree with any further development. Marden is a historic village, further development will destroy not only the village but its community spirit too. We strongly object to building on green belt land. It is green belt land for a reason - to keep it green. Our countryside is not only home to many species of wildlife but is also used to produce food. It is also essential for people's wellbeing. The village is not supported by suitable infrastructure. Even before the latest housing developments were built there have always been problems with the sewerage system especially in the winter months. Since the latest round of building projects there has been a noticeable increase in traffic around the country lanes. The village car park is always full - not every resident in Marden actually lives within walking distance to the post office or doctor's surgery! Further housing will increase demands on the railway and parking at the railway. Our local doctor's surgery is struggling with demand now - it will be even worse trying to get an appointment with more residents in the village. This is a flood plan area. Our local MP is against the development proposals - please refer to her report. **Please do not destroy our beautiful village and countryside by allowing any of these proposals to go ahead.**

I am writing to you to formally object about the Call for Site Locations being given any planning permission in the future. I am opposed to any further development in the Marden Parish in the future as we have had enough of the disruption with what is being developed previously and currently. The main reasons for my overall objection is that Marden itself has no capacity to take any more residents with the infrastructure we have in place. The sewage, water supply, roads, schools, medical facilities just cannot cope at the moment, without further increase in demand. We have had

so much disruptions in the village, something we would like to stay as. Including power disruptions caused by the development companies. We have had road closures which were meant to take 10 days and took over 35 in the end. We have construction workers parking wherever they want in the village blocking access and causing a considerable amount of displeasure to the community as a whole. Construction vehicles damaging roads and sidewalks

Development on all these sites would substantially change the character of the surrounding area and village and would add huge/extra amounts of traffic to narrow country lanes with the resulting pollution, Also the surrounding lanes of Marden are regularly used by horse riders, walkers and cyclists.