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Dear Wychavon planning authority

**W/25 /25/00597/OUT Station Road , Old Railway Sidings , 22 dwellings – OUTLINE
PLANNING & CHANGE OF USE**

The Parish Council recommend conditional approval but only after the following concerns have been adequately addressed.

It is noted that the proposal deals with a problem site due to prior industrial use and possible contamination that needs to be resolved. Provided that the supporting infrastructure for the site is adequate for the increased number of users, change to domestic dwellings for the site is considered appropriate.

However, there are issues with increased vehicular movements, proximity of the railway crossing and pressure on parking for the proposed housing. The density of housing is deemed overdevelopment leaving little space for visitor parking. There would also likely be station users wanting to park on the access road causing issues for residents.

The noise assessment was done whilst the brickworks was not operational. This needs to be redone as noise attenuation from the works and the railway seems to be played down in the report. Train movements are understated especially night-time when some of the heavier trains come through. We do not want the future residents to be able to claim that noise, from either source, is a problem. The brickworks is an existing business and a local employer. Any noise attenuation must be done at the outset as part of the development to make the site suitable for dwellings.

The parish council would have preferred to see a portion of the front of the site given over to parking (with a reduction in the number of dwellings). This could reduce the pressure on parking and visitor parking within and around the site. (Any extra vehicles would, under the current proposal, end up on Station Road.) If that change is not acceptable to either the applicant or the district council then the facing boundary of the site should have permanent fencing preventing parking and turning on the frontage- near the new access, with a planning condition to that effect.

Signed by the Clerk and RFO to Hartlebury Parish Council
On behalf of Hartlebury Parish Council