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Planning Department
South Kesteven District Council
St Catherine Road, Grantham NG31 6TT

Subject: Formal Objection to the Reclassification of Claypole as a Large Village and SKRP-322 as site allocation for proposed new housing

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the proposed reclassification of Claypole from a small village to a large village as outlined in the current local plan. As a resident and active member of the community, I have serious concerns about the implications of this change and the rationale behind it.

1. Infrastructure Limitations

The village's existing infrastructure—roads, drainage, public transport, and utilities—is not equipped to support the scale of development that would follow reclassification. There is no clear evidence that the necessary upgrades have been planned or funded.

2. Loss of Village Character

Reclassification risks undermining the unique rural character and heritage of Claypole. The scale and nature of development associated with a large village designation would fundamentally alter the landscape and community identity.

3. Environmental Impact

There has been insufficient consideration of the environmental consequences. Increased development could threaten local biodiversity, increase flood risk, and reduce access to green spaces that are vital for residents' wellbeing.

4. Lack of Community Consultation

Many residents feel that this proposal has been advanced without meaningful consultation. The views of the local community must be central to any decision that affects the future of our village.

5. Strategic Inconsistency

The proposal appears inconsistent with broader regional planning strategies that prioritize sustainable development and the protection of rural communities. There are more suitable locations for growth that do not carry the same risks.

For these reasons, I urge the planning authority to reconsider the proposed reclassification and to engage more fully with the community to explore alternative approaches that respect the scale, character, and needs of Claypole.

Yours faithfully,
Ginette Taylor