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Comment: I strongly support the plans to develop on this site in Oatlands Drive.

As a 33 year old working in healthcare, it pains me to find suitable housing in the area to start a family and climb the property ladder. There are simply not enough options in the area for the demographic of people who work, spend and support the services provided in the community; the struggling high street proves this.

I have read the objections to the proposal with great interest and I am sad to see repeated comments to perhaps drive up the volume of motions, however none seem appropriately justified nor do they stretch much further than subjective opinion on how the landscape should look.

The comments regarding brown field sites overlook the National Planning Policy Framework (September 2023). "The NPPF states that planning policies and decisions should promote the "effective use of land", making "as much use as possible of previously developed or 'brownfield' land". It goes on to instruct local planning authorities to give "substantial weight to the value of using suitable brownfield land ... and support appropriate opportunities to remediate despoiled, degraded, derelict, contaminated or unstable land"." Despite the well organised approach of some objectors, there seems to be misjudgement on the stance that the government is taking on brown field sites. This development looks to check many boxes and make great use of the space in accommodating a modern, attractive number of residences which might otherwise only house 1-2 families in a town desperate for growth.

The town is in close proximity to the proposed site. The rejection of one development will not make a significant difference to traffic and or parking, and this motion for action is better raised with the local authority. As far as I can read from the documentation shared in the portal, the site is policy and has been signed off.