I object to site 134 Plott Lane, Stretton on Dunsmore being included in the Local Plan.

my reasons are :-

1 **Safety ...** Access to this proposed site would be from a single track lane with a tree canopy either side and no pavement. The natural bends in Plott Lane would make visibility poor for any vehicles exiting the site. Plott lane is used multiple times daily by dog walkers and daily by horse riders from the equestrian centre in Freeboard lane, together with pedestrians walking to and from their Plott Lane allotments. I feel the safety of pedestrians and their animals from the proposed large development would be put at danger. Not to forget these homes would be in addition to the 55 homes being built at Squires Cross and 25 homes on the site of the Little orchard off Plott Lane which was released from the green belt 2019. This seems far too many new homes for an area surrounded by single track lanes.

There is also a children's playground and sports field in Plott Lane almost opposite to the proposed site access. Due to Plott Lane being single track together with a huge volume of traffic generated by so many new properties their lives could be put at risk.

Should it be proposed that the lane is widened by the developer up to the proposed site entrance, then this would mean the unnecessary loss of existing trees which RBC should be trying to preserve.

2 Greenbelt .. I feel this site is an unnecessary release of greenbelt land within the village. In my opinion it is not an "exceptional reason" to release land from green belt by RBC, just because the land owner is willing to sell land for building and personal financial gain to the proposed developer Taylor Wimpey, who are currently developing the adjoining site. Site 134 is currently farmed yearly with a variety of crops produced on an annual rotation basis and there is a public foot path running through it taking in beautiful views of the surrounding countryside. Two sites of greenbelt, in very close proximity to this proposed site, have already been lost to the 2019 Local Plan!!

3 Flooding ... There is a substantial amount of surface water that currently drains from this site onto Plott Lane, often resembling a small river during heavy rain storms as the existing drains cannot cope. I feel that any natural drainage that would occur within this site after proposed development would be lost, despite the provision on the plans of an attenuation basin. This would put nearby homes and gardens at risk of further flooding in addition to what they already suffer.

4 Wildlife ... There are 4 surrounding ponds to this site where Great Crested Newts breed, and this site undoubtedly forms part of their natural habitat. This has very sadly already been disturbed by the adjoining Squires Cross development. RBC should be protecting these endangered animals and their habitat, not allowing the destruction to more of their natural habitat. The site is also a wildlife corridor for many other animals such as deer, foxes and badgers.

5 Infrastructure ... Stretton on Dunsmore is a small characterful village with a protected village centre, the provision a such a large volume of new homes on this site in addition to what is already in place and proposed would put a strain on its infrastructure. The excellent primary school is already over subscribed. The school would no doubt be a huge selling feature the developer will promote as they already have done for the Squires Cross development !

The limited bus service serving the village would increase car journeys to and from the local towns which does not support the environment again something the planners should be avoiding.

The massive increase of residents would put a further strain on the GP service.

Whilst many residents are not against new developments these should be proportionate to the infrastructure already in place. It's a shame that the planners are so quick to want to destroy the charm of these small villages, once gone they are gone forever.