

services without the necessity to close the gap along Chalk Road. To do so would create further ribbon development that would not enhance the form and character of the village and would certainly detract from the appearance of the countryside which at this point is flat and open in aspect with uninterrupted views across it.

6. Even though the land appears to be in poor condition and has an untidy appearance it is a condition that can be remedied. Perhaps not in isolation, but it adjoins extensive agricultural land to the west with which it could be amalgamated.
7. The closing of this frontage with dwellings would remove a significant gap which serves to contain the housing which straggles along the road towards it from both directions. I do not attach any weight to your argument that because it is the only gap along this road it should be built on. The village guidelines have been drawn so that the identity of the village is now established even though in places its form is loose and difficult to appreciate where the village has been extended by simply building along road frontages.
8. The reduction of the length of the frontage proposed to be developed in your second application, by leaving a gap of some 40 m in the middle, does not overcome my objection set out above since the space is too small to form a significant break.
9. As to road safety it is a fact that whilst the narrow winding roads in the locality, running between tall hedges in many places provide an attractive environment they are not capable of satisfactorily accommodating present day traffic levels and serving as development roads as well. The weight of traffic in the vicinity is moderately heavy and I noticed that speeds along this section of road are high enough that if more houses were to be permitted there would be danger to road safety caused by turning movements and inconvenience through interference with free traffic flow.
10. I have taken into account all other matters raised in the representations but I find that they are insufficient to outweigh the considerations that have led to my decision.
11. For the above reasons and in exercise of the powers transferred to me I hereby dismiss both appeals A and B.

I am Sir and Madam  
Your obedient Servant



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Inspector