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Submission: Objection
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I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed development of a parking site on green belt land at Eaves Knoll. My concerns are outlined as follows:

1. ****Inappropriate Road Access:**** The existing road infrastructure is not suitable for large vehicles. This is evident from the need to install a sizeable gate, enabling vehicles to park at an angle. This modification alone highlights the incompatibility of the proposed use with the existing infrastructure.
2. ****Visual Impact and Privacy Concerns:**** The elevated position of the proposed parking area will make parked vehicles highly visible from surrounding buildings and the natural landscape. This visibility is not only intrusive but also detracts from the rural character of the area, thereby impacting residents' privacy and the intrinsic value of the countryside.
3. ****Transformation into an Unofficial Campsite:**** Utilizing this land for motorhome parking raises a significant concern that it may eventually transform into a de facto campsite. This change in land use is contrary to the principles of green belt policy, which aims to prevent urban sprawl and maintain the openness of the countryside.
4. ****Environmental Impact:**** The conversion of approximately one-third of this land into a parking area will lead to its destruction. This loss is significant, considering the ecological and landscape value of green belt areas.

5. **Aesthetic Dissonance:** The newly installed gate is out of character with the surrounding area. Its presence not only disrupts the aesthetic continuity but also potentially devalues the local landscape, which is cherished for its natural and unspoiled appearance.

In light of these points, I strongly urge you to reconsider the approval of this development. Green belt land serves a crucial role in preserving the natural environment and preventing unnecessary urban expansion. The proposed development undermines these objectives and would set a concerning precedent for future land use in the area.

Thank you for considering my objections. I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Phil Pratt

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