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I strongly object to the proposed development on Site Ref: 524, Site Name: Land fronting B4586,

Primarily because it lies outside the established settlement boundary of Jeffreyston. Allowing this development would result in uncharacteristic and unsightly expansion of the village, which is entirely unnecessary given the availability of a more suitable site, HSG/047/LDP/01, as identified in the candidate site stage 3.4. This alternative site aligns with proper planning principles and would not encroach on vital agricultural land.

A key concern is that this proposal would permanently destroy productive agricultural land, which is actively used and highly valued. This land contributes not only to the rural economy but also to the community's identity as a countryside village. The loss of this agricultural space for the sake of a small housing development is a terrible decision, particularly when there are other, more appropriate locations available. Such irreversible damage to the landscape would degrade the area's agricultural heritage and rural character, which are deeply cherished by residents.

Furthermore, the small road network in the area, particularly the B4586, is unsuitable for handling the increased traffic this development would bring. This would place additional strain on an already limited infrastructure, raising significant concerns about road safety and congestion.

For such a small number of houses, the sacrifice of valuable agricultural land and the destruction of Jeffreyston's character are entirely disproportionate. The rolling farmland that defines the village's picturesque setting would be

lost, taking with it part of what makes Jeffreyston unique and desirable as a rural community.

This proposal offers no real benefit to Jeffreyston's residents and serves only the interests of the landowner. The community's concerns have been consistently voiced, and to ignore them in favour of development that harms both the land and the village's identity would only lead to significant opposition and future discord.

I strongly urge the council to reject this application and preserve the agricultural land and rural character of Jeffreyston.

Yours sincerely,

A.Rogers concerned Jeffreyston resident