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<b>Opinion:</b>	Object

### Comment

I object to the proposed planning application.

The proposed development is not aligned with the Overall Plan Priority of the current Local Plan for Sedgemoor, namely 'To ensure development in Sedgemoor supports the principles of sustainable development and delivers sustainable communities whilst respecting the diversity in function and character of Sedgemoor's towns, villages and countryside.'

The proposed Motorway Service Area will put additional pressure on the M5 Junction 24 roundabout and ancillary roads, also in contradiction with Strategic Priority 4 of The Local Plan 'To promote safe and sustainable transport options and manage congestion'

I am also concerned about the increased flood risk from replacing a large area of arable farmland with hard landscaping, the local road network is already prone to flooding during periods of heavy rainfall.

With the existing services on the West side of the motorway at Junction 24, Sedgemoor Services, Taunton Deane and the new services at Junction 23 I do not see the need for another motorway service area.

Finally, there will be significant environmental impact from the development with light and noise pollution affecting the many animals, such as the local Bat population. There are Badgers, Deer, Foxes, field mice and many small mammals and insects that live in the hedgerows and their habitats will be lost and destroyed, impacting on the biodiversity of the area.