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From: Graham Johnstone

Sent: 01 October 2019 09:03

To: Samantha Taylor

Subject: Gladman proposal for development in Bloxham

Dear Samantha,

We are emailing you in relation to the proposed Gladman development in Bloxham.

As a Bloxham resident for over 15 years, we strongly object to yet another development in our village. We have seen our village double in size over the time we have been here. We were not naive enough to know that, with the services Bloxham is fortunate to have, expansion was inevitable. But we have far exceeded saturation point.

We initially welcomed a little development as Bloxham would have 'done its bit' to help reach the governments targets. We have seen 3 developments in approximately 5 years. The developments only gave a passing nod to the traditional vernacular and do not in any way enhance the aesthetic appeal of our village.

We are very grateful to several residents who spent time and energy in completion of the neighbourhood plan. This was devised to allow local people the chance to have a say on what they wanted for the future of their village. If this development goes ahead, it will ride roughshod over this plan. It will make a mockery of the whole process.

The traffic problem has reached crisis point. The bottleneck at the shops, especially during rush hour creates huge backlogs, way out of the village. It is so congested that many drivers use the cut through along Courtington Lane. Another point of congestion has therefore been created at the primary school where it is only a matter of time before someone is injured.

The primary school is at capacity, without the ability to expand. This would mean any increase in residents having to travel to reach another school outside the village, further exacerbating the traffic problem.

'Bloxham Vale', the large development that has been permitted on the outskirts of Banbury is a clear indication of how the future looks for Bloxham if we cannot create a moratorium on these developments. Even the name 'Bloxham Vale' shows that if development goes on unchecked, the village will be swallowed up by Banbury.

We see this current proposal, as the developers picking on Bloxham because it ticks so many boxes on their infrastructure checklist. They know the village has reached crisis point but are only interested in throwing up more houses as quickly as possible, regardless of whether there is really a need or not.

Many thanks for your consideration and please add our names and comments as strong objection to this proposal.

Yours faithfully,
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