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Subject: New comments for application 19/01705/OUT

New comments have been received for application 19/01705/OUT at site address: Land Adjoining And West Of Bloxham Recreation Ground South Newington Road Bloxham

from Christopher Forbes

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Comment type:

Objection

Comments:

The situation in Bloxham is becoming critical. Planning controls have been unable to cope with multiple previous large-scale developments, many of which have been inappropriately sited. To add further homes to an infrastructure which is already groaning is irresponsible.

The roads network is seriously overloaded. The current A361 upgrade is cosmetic: just how much lipstick must one apply to the pig? 4 million pounds worth? The intrinsic problems are not being addressed, namely the need to bypass communities such as Bloxham, South Newington, etc.. All the roads in Bloxham are already used as rat runs to avoid congestion and this has an adverse effect on road safety. Further cars are NOT needed..

This additional large-scale development would further encircle the old part of the village of Bloxham, cutting off access to the open fields for even more people. It would adversely affect the quality of recreation available on the sports ground which would be trapped against the main road. Wildlife in the Nature Reserve would be driven away.

All residents of Bloxham know that these fields are prone to flooding and help to protect the village from floodwaters upstream of the brook which flows through the village. Noise and pollution from extra dwellings and hardstanding would be concentrated into a significant urban sprawl. The distance from the centre of the village of these new communities makes further development in Bloxham undesirable since the village nucleus has been outgrown and no additional community nuclei are being created.

Bloxham is a conservation area which we have a duty to protect. The effect on further housing outside the existing village boundary and on a principal entry point would significantly effect the integrity of the view of the village, and in particular of the church, a grade 1 listed building.

Case Officer:

Samantha Taylor

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