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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 Jason Stead

Address:

Penny Meadow, 2 The Ridgeway, Bloxham, Banbury, OX15 4NF

Comment type:

Objection

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I'm just writing to object strongly to the proposal to build 95 further homes, on the outskirts of Bloxham. I'm sure I'm not alone in the feeling that Bloxham seems to be expected to offer housing for far more people and cars, than the village can sustain. Travelling through it at rush hour now brings a certain degree of peril, so I can't see how adding to that could benefit the village!

I hereby list the main reasons for my objection, other than my genuine feeling that our village has reached saturation point :

- i) Schools - both Warriner and Bloxham Primary Schools are full to bursting with children seeing class sizes increasing, to the point that learning has to be affected. The primary school is also an accident waiting to happen with the dropping off and collecting of children, with the roads in passable at times so where will the children in this new development go to school.
- ii) Traffic along the A361 is horrendous with the High Street in particular treacherous at certain times of the day. Our services are also under significant pressure and to add to that which this development significantly would, is bound to have an adverse effect on the village.
- iii) The village as a whole, has signed up to the Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan and this new development seems to contravene a number of clauses found within this, namely
- iv) BL1 - we more than fulfilled our quota with 85 properties to the South of Milton Road
- v) BL2 - We talk about a further sustainable development being permitted, including conversions, infilling and minor development within the village boundaries but that is on the basis they are small in scale (5 or fewer) and this development clearly doesn't conform to this.
- vi) We also have the Cherwell Local Plan and again, I believe we have adhered and respected our quota here, so don't see why the goal posts are effectively moving!? ESD10 and ESD13 surely would apply here?
- vii) Having played cricket on the recreation ground for years, I've seen first hand how it can flood and in my experience, surrounding the area with tarmac and developing it would seriously raise questions over flooding - I refer to BL7 from the B.N.D.P.
- viii) The Slade - I know how hard certain individuals have worked to set up this registered local Nature Reserve and it's status deserves protection. The children and wildlife benefit greatly from this space and being such a small space, it needs to have the surrounding buffer to remain, if it's to thrive. Clearly enclosing it on all sides would leave to this area dying, which would again be of detriment to the village.

To conclude, to allow this development to proceed I feel would have dire consequences for Bloxham as a village and bring no positives as far as I can see, so I trust my points above will be taken into consideration and the responsible decision will be arrived at.

Case Officer:
Samantha Taylor

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