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To: Samantha Taylor
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Samantha,

The purpose of this email is to registrar objection to the Gladman Proposal as suggested by the keep Bloxham Rural campaign who I fully support.

When is enough, already enough.

For myself its already reached that stage,I moved here because I was fed up with over-development at my previous address. Causing short falls in local services like schools, GP's Dentist Banking etc and issues with overwhelmed council services. I thought Bloxham was ideal location with its basic shopping, local GP's and Dentist within walking distance. If I needed more then Banbury was just a short drive or bus ride away.

Since living here I've also noticed a massive drop in my water pressure because of increased demand by extra housing developments. Thames Water claim that the local type of mains supply was never designed to provide water for so many houses and they have no solution or budget to improve it. So yet more houses means my water will be spread further and reduced perhaps to a dribble. The power keeps going off for short periods and again my supplier claims its because they are bringing new housing online. If you want to use one of the local shops or even grab so cash from the Co-op hole in the wall, you can't park because of the lack of parking. With the addition of the already built developments I've noticed just how difficult its become to get appointments at the GP's and dentist. When the school days start and finish the roads become grid locked and in some areas become dodgem rings. So many more children are driven into Bloxham schools from surrounding areas and the local ones insist on being driven to school. Meaning many drivers now use the side roads to bypass the bottlenecks, putting our children's safety at risk

What about the flooding protection this land provides to areas of Bloxham. Do I get written confirmation that the developer will pay for any flood damage after building on what it admits to being flood plains and flood protection zone. I thought going carbon free was about keeping trees etc not cutting them down to add to the carbon foot print. The houses might be low carbon developments but the people and the cars living in them won't.

So where exactly is the common sense of adding yet another 100 house development which will only make matters even worse, unless the developers are prepared to build mostly affordable housing designed for local needs and local people, a new school perhaps, even some shopping facilities along with a GP surgery and dentist and perhaps, what about a reservoir for its own water supplies. But that sort of infrastructure makes the project no longer viable. We all know this is get rich quick scheme between the land owner and developer who have thanked the council in advance to insure they do not object with a road resurfacing project. I worked in Aylesbury for 20 years and saw what happens with these developments, they just build another and another until every green space is covered. As for the road improvements they crumbled away prematurely because of bad workmanship leaving the council to cover the cost of repairs.

If I wanted to live on on ongoing housing development then I would have chosen to move to Bicester who are building houses almost daily, mostly houses that locals can't afford, making green spaces disappear just to create a urban monstrosity which generates huge amounts of council tax which are used to fund councillors pet projects not the community as a whole.

One last consideration should be the local wildlife, where are they supposed to relocate too seeing as green spaces keep disappearing forcing them into urban built up areas where they become a danger to themselves, people and traffic.

Yours sincerely

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