

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 robert gazeley

Address:

40 Gascoigne Way, Bloxham, Banbury, OX15 4TL

Comment type:

Objection

Comments:

This is a speculative proposal by land bank holders and shows no benefits for the local community (other than extra business for the petrol station, shop and pubs). Little or no permanent employment would be created by this construction, it simply adds to the sense that Bloxham is being used as an overspill for surrounding towns.

The people of Bloxham are struggling to keep a village community feel because of the exponential growth in the last 10 years.

The traffic levels along the main road through the village are dreadful with no proper speed limits enforced and the development will make this worse. Pavements for families and young children are dangerously narrow in places.

If you were to place me in one of Bloxham's newer housing estates I could literally be anywhere in the country. There is nothing about them that provides uniqueness of place and location. The builders and planners of this country are presiding over an era of mediocre house building. The developments that you have allowed in recent times are of poor construction and design. The brick colours you have allowed do not match the stone colours of the local area. The types of houses do not encourage older people to move in - garden sizes are poor, houses are often back to back and there are no bungalows being built. This all smacks of high density and poor design. And to boot housing costs are too high for the poor quality that is being provided. The tiny green spaces in these estates are pathetic, just a few children's climbing frames provided.

The village is not seeing any improvement in roads, services, schools, clinics, play areas for older children, help for older residents and quite frankly the planning department should be ashamed for allowing these sorts of development over the years.

This housing proposal is the usual high density, poor quality construction that does nothing for the aesthetics of what was once a beautiful village and furthermore it does not respect the neighbourhood plan.

How does this development help the environment - quite simply it doesn't.

Case Officer:

Samantha Taylor