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To: Samantha Taylor

Subject: Proposed Gladman development - South Newington Road, Bloxham

I wish to register my strongest objections to the above proposed development for a further 95 new houses in Bloxham.

My reasons are as follows:

Why Bloxham? We have already had three new developments in the last five years providing an incremental 220 new houses. This represents a 50% growth in the last 10-15 years. Bloxham, quite simply, is 'full 'and does not require any further housing.

Local Roads: the A361 is already an extremely busy and dangerous road used heavily by private motorists and commercial vehicles. The mini roundabout junction at the South Newington end of the village is already beyond capacity and there is regular traffic congestion through the village. Furthermore, an extra entry and exit directly on to / off the A361 would serve only to exacerbate the current problems. Any new residents are likely to need to commute to their workplaces and for shopping and recreational purposes, putting an additional and unwelcome strain on an already heavily used road system through the village.

Local services: the primary school is already full and cannot expand; parking in the village near the shops is already a nightmare and additional traffic pressure will only make this problem even worse; the medical and dental practices are also already stretched; as most residents use the village shops and facilities for convenience shopping, any new residents are still far more likely to commute to / from the Banbury supermarkets for their main shopping requirements and for entertainment / recreational requirements

Environment: I cannot possibly see how a further 95 new houses can possibly enhance and improve the local environment. Mother Nature has done a very good job of looking after this part of Bloxham up to now and does not require the help of housing developers to 'improve' our local environment. To the contrary, the local environment would benefit hugely from the refusal of this planning application.

On top of all this, this application is contrary to the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan. Having gone to the time, effort and expense of creating such a plan it would be at the very least, hypocritical, for such a planning application to be permitted.

I would be grateful if you could ensure my objections to this planning proposal are placed on record as appropriate.

Kind regards

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