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Sent: 30 September 2019 14:33  
To: Samantha Taylor  
Subject: Planning permission comment - 19/01705/OUT

Hi Samantha,

I would like to raise some concerns over the proposed development at Bloxham by Gladman. I am a resident of Bloxham, and have a few concerns over the proposed development.

1 - The development goes against the agreed Neighbourhood plan from 2016, that the council agreed to. This development does not fall into the agreements laid out in that plan.

2 - The BDNP Steering Group stated that any developments need to take into account the sustainability and community cohesion issues that are arising now from the failure to match in-village primary school places as the school appears to be at capacity and there are no plans by the council to build new schools or expand the existing. We have a neighbour coming back to Bloxham at Christmas and their child has been told there is no place for them. If this continues, the local villages that Bloxham support will have to travel further to attain places for children at schooling that should be local. I therefore ask that the council improves the primary school immediately and builds new larger classrooms, employs more teachers and allows for better/safer parking for people travelling in from villages to the community school. Bloxham supports many other villages and schooling does not seem to be improving even though the number of houses built in and around Bloxham has increased substantially.

3 - The plans show the only access road to the new development on the South Newington Road. This is one of the major lorry routes in the UK and listed as one of the most dangerous roads in the UK. Hence the current upgrading of tarmac through the village. This is a matter of fact.. There are no safe pavements for the residents of this new development to use, looking at the plans. How would an elderly person with a battery operated vehicle for mobility get into the village? How does a mother with 2 children and a pushchair get to the school? Putting in traffic calming measures does not provide a pavement to walk upon, it just slows cars down and they use more diesel/petrol as they go through the gears. In this age of trying to cut carbon emissions and make it safe for families to live, it has been proven again and again that traffic calming measures just cause more pollution and so not make it safer for pedestrians who then have to walk on the carriageway itself. This is so wrong and a cheap offer by the developer to make it appear they are doing something.

If the development does go ahead, I would like to understand from the council

- What its plans are for the primary school, for Bloxham and the surrounding villages. How do all the new developments account for the funding and development of local infrastructure such as schools?

- How do the pedestrians get safely into the village/school from the new development with lorries passing them constantly?

- How we cut carbon emissions by not having cars use unnecessary gears/brakes just to allow builders to propose some 'safety measures' without actually fixing the underlying problem.

Please make sure the developer keeps this a safe place to live! :-)

Many thanks,  
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