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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 CW & J Field

Address:

10 Colesbourne Road, Bloxham, Banbury, OX15 4TB

Comment type:

Objection

Comments:

Re: Planning Application 19/01705/OUT

Bloxham is at capacity and struggling to cope with the pressures on its infrastructure caused by (a) the rapid additional housing developments built within its boundary and (b) the daily congestion caused by the volume of traffic on the A361 passing through the centre of Bloxham.

Our objections are:

1. Ref: BL9: Impact of the dangerous nature of the A361. The traffic calming measures to be implemented will prove insufficient. The entrance/exit to the new estate will become a major traffic hazard particularly at night and in poor weather conditions. Traffic queuing to enter the estate, will be in danger from accelerating traffic leaving the village. Bloxham is suffering from significant traffic congestion. The High Street becomes grid-locked several times a day, school traffic from three schools add to the problem. The Gladman development will bring further pressure as will the already approved development in Milcombe. Most traffic will pass through Bloxham to access Banbury and main transport routes, also to use village facilities. A further 200+ vehicles could add to the daily congestion. Parking around the shops is very difficult and a major cause of the congestion.

BL9: Impact on school places. We are of the understanding that the local primary school is full, with no scope for expansion. Sufficient choice of school places available to meet the needs of the community are not available as is required for NPPF94.

2. Ref: BL7. Flooding is a major concern. As residents backing onto the development site, we have first-hand knowledge of the significant flooding that has taken place on the proposed land over the years. Despite remedial work, flooding still occurs. The proposed development framework indicates the use of SUDS to assist with drainage. Environmental Agency and soakaway reports detail that this would not be sufficient to prevent flooding due to the nature of the land. We believe the development would cause a significant flood risk to the proposed new housing and the surrounding area.

3. Ref: BL11/12 The proposed development will not allow the area to retain its rural aspect and in particular to respect the Slade Nature Reserve. A special asset to the village and one that does not need disturbing by the intrusion of a building site and the inevitable noise and light pollution that

will incur during and after construction. The recreation ground is an open space with walkways into the countryside with rural views. The proposed site will create more urbanisation and not make a positive contribution to the character of Bloxham and its rural feel.

Bloxham has done its bit and should be allowed to take stock and breathe after suffering the consequences of so much development. The schools are full, the facilities are full, the roads are congested. Enough is enough!

Case Officer:
Samantha Taylor

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