

From: Irene Stewart
Sent: 09 October 2019 14:31
To: Samantha Taylor
Subject: BLOXHAM PROPOSED FURTHER GLADMAN DEVELOPMENT

Dear Samantha,

It is disheartening to, once again, have to write to Cherwell District Council to express my opposition to yet another proposed housing development.

Many years ago, I attended a village meeting where I was assured that Bloxham had met its housing building plan up to 2030 and no further building was likely to take place.

Sadly, those were empty words and, in the meantime, several ill considered developments have been built with no realistic thought been applied to the aesthetics of these buildings in relation to a village setting or the necessary infrastructure to support the increased needs these developments require.

The local primary school is at capacity. The traffic generated at school times, with the accompanying parking, is at an unacceptable level.

The remit of a village primary is to be integrated within the village community but future pupils would have to leave the village to find an alternative placement. This seems ridiculous and at odds with the reason people chose to live in a village.

To expect a village to absorb 3 new developments in the past 5 years and return with a further proposal is shameful.

The amount of heavy goods vehicles driving through Bloxham is high and constant. The noise and environmental impact is considerable and the roads were never meant to support this level of traffic.

At school times, in particular, the level of traffic near the Warriner and Primary schools brings the village almost to a complete standstill. Adding an additional 150 cars would clearly exacerbate the situation.

Further, the mini roundabout junction is also at capacity and, we are told, unable to be extended to alleviate further traffic levels.

Gladman's proposal of an additional 95 houses on top of the 3 recent developments can only increase the frustration that our current infrastructure is at breaking point.

In addition, the proposed site next to the registered Slade Nature Reserve could result in a loss of biodiversity and impact on an area of peace and tranquility. Open views and countryside will be severely diminished by a housing development so close to the Recreation Ground and surrounding area.

It must be fair and reasonable to accept that Bloxham has exceeded its building quota.

To expect an additional development which would further degrade the existing infrastructure, currently at capacity, is unacceptable.

I trust that Cherwell District Council will give serious consideration to the points raised in my letter.

Yours sincerely,

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