

Dear Ms. Taylor

My husband and I are appalled and dismayed to learn of the Gladman proposal to build another 95 houses in Bloxham. We appreciate that villages grow over a period of time but this accelerated burst of construction is beyond the pale.

Our understanding was that by expanding to include 220 new homes in the last 5 years Bloxham has met its quota for new building and residents are already living with the unwelcome and possible harmful effects of this.

Our garden abuts onto the A361 and we see the impact of slow moving and often stationary traffic which builds up at busy times, causing extra air pollution and noise. This is not just confined to peak times, however: I have seen traffic queuing from the shops to Godswell (a distance of 600 - 700 yards?) at lunch time. Friends who live on Barford road tell me that in order to avoid the queues at the mini roundabout on the A361 they detour via Cumberford to the Shipston road, thus turning a residential area into a rat run (and this means going past the primary school with consequent congestion and risk). Furthermore I understand that the mini roundabout is already at full capacity and cannot be improved, according to OCC.

The primary school, currently at full capacity, would be overwhelmed, so incoming children would need to be educated elsewhere, thus adding to the traffic mayhem every morning and afternoon. Our wonderful doctors' surgery is also working at capacity so a further increase in patient numbers is bound to be detrimental.

Bloxham is an attractive village with an outstandingly beautiful mediaeval church which is only yards from the A361 and obviously I understand that it is a very desirable place in which to live, but its glorious rural setting is fast being eroded along with the quality of life of current residents. We do not have the infra-structure or amenities to cope with a further influx. Many other residents will concur with us that enough is enough and so we wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this intrusive and destructive proposal. It is vandalism on a commercial scale and totally inconsiderate of the quality of life in Bloxham village.

Please do not allow it to succeed.

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