

From: Chris Dorsett
Sent: 09 October 2019 21:52
To: Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: Complaint about planning application 19/01705/OUT

Thank you for responding. My postal address is:

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From: Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 October 2019 13:32
To: Chris Dorsett
Subject: RE: Complaint about planning application 19/01705/OUT

Good Afternoon,

Please could you supply your full postal address so that we can register your comments against the application.

Thank you

Regards

**Development Management
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Details of applications are available to view through the Council's Online Planning Service at
<https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/>

From: Chris Dorsett
Sent: 06 October 2019 20:35
To: Samantha Taylor
Subject: Complaint about planning application 19/01705/OUT

Dear Samantha,

I have lived in Merrivales Lane since the mid-70s. Those living in the centre of Bloxham register on a daily basis the impact of blanket housing developments at the village's edges. Even small increases in road use have to be lived with (inhaled at our front doors, listened to whilst trying to get to sleep, negotiated bodily when we walk to the shops) and so I ask you to stop the plan to build an estate of 95 houses that will necessitate something like 150 more cars accessing the A321 just outside the village on the South Newington road.

When one reads that the National Planning Policy seeks to protect local roads from the impact of building development (paragraph 84) one hopes that, in relation to the pre-modern layout of Bloxham, that protection extends to villagers on foot as well as local drivers.

Sensitivity to one's surroundings (mentioned in the same policy document) amounts to nothing more than spectatorship through a car window but becomes a matter of physical well-being if you are a pedestrian. The confluence of impatient traffic at the meeting of Church Street with the Barford and South Newington roads is not a friendly experience for those on foot. This situation should not be pushed beyond viability by an expansion of

housing a short distance from the over-strained roundabout. Any attempts at enlarging the road surface in order to smooth the way for a second traffic junction will harm the architectural character of the village and further curtail our ability to live in this kind of environment. I hope you will agree that, in this day and age, local pedestrians should be facilitated, not impeded.

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan recognised that small-scale building projects will promote a sustainable and human-centred environment for Bloxham dwellers. Infilling and minor developments are more appropriate to the characterful constraints of the historic street system we hope future generations will inherit, interpret and re-evaluate. They are likely to be living in a world that views our subservience to motor cars very differently. 19/01705/OUT is the kind of application that pulls us back into an unsustainable approach to non-metropolitan building developments. It should be turned down.

Best wishes,
Chris Dorsett