Comment for planning application 22/00489/F

Application Number 22/00489/F

Location

Os Parcel 9078 And 9975 Adjoining Stocking Lane And North Of Rattlecombe Road Stocking Lane Shenington

Proposal

Erection of 49 dwellings (17 of which (35%) will be affordable homes) with associated garages, parking and refuse storage, private gardens and communal open space/play space, hard and soft landscaping (including SUDs feature and means of enclosure, reinstatement of hedging and ironstone walling along Rattlecombe Road)

Case Officer

Robin Forrester

Organisation

Name

Professor Patrick Michael Shaughn O'Brien

Address

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

Planning Objection We write as a residents of The Ox Barn Rattlecombe Road Shenington in relation to the planning proposal. We would like to point out that we were incorrectly omitted from the list of those who should, on the basis of our proximity to the proposed site, have been specifically consulted about the development. Our Response Firstly, we would like to point out that the documents submitted for consideration have been intentionally dishonest in their approach, presentation and content. It pretends that Shenington is an irrelevant, non-descript village with aging bungalows, vernacular insignificant houses and an environment with a small green, its nearest important architectural structure being the Church in Alkerton. In fact, the converse of this is true. Most people come to live in Shenington because it is a beautiful Cotswold-like village with a community to match. The houses are historic, mostly constructed with rich, mellow, brown Horton Stone and many are thatched. The Green is outstanding with these ancient buildings surrounding it, and its church is of historic importance, as are its associated properties. Elan and other companies have previously ruined historic environments with such developments. The truth is that this proposed development, immediately adjacent and obstructing the view to and from the conservation area, risks doing the same. Any residential building in Shenington should only be, and is required to, undergo only residential infill - this has occurred in recent years with a small number of sensitively constructed new homes and the conversion/renovation of a few ancient barns. Elan's proposal reflects none of these qualities. Its effects will be overwhelming with 150% increase in the number of insensitive typical housing estate properties. It will be overwhelming from the traffic point of view which is already actually rather over-busy, particularly on Rattlecombe Road itself and through the heart of the village; this must never be allowed to worsen. It will overwhelm our school and doctors' surgery provision; it will overwhelm our broadband service and perhaps most importantly, the sewerage and drainage systems have no chance whatsoever of coping even with a smaller new development - the proposal has shown little intention of addressing this adequately. We anticipate that Elan would highlight the attractiveness and the history of the village as 'the perfect place to live' in their marketing strategy in order to maximise their sales; but of course such a development would result in Elan's undoing of those very qualities and cause significant demise of the village. They have, as we have said already, ruined other environments of our type and Elan should never be allowed to repeat this in Shenington. Professor Shaughn and Mrs Sandie O'Brien, The Ox Barn Rattlecombe Road, Shenington.

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