

Planning Application - 22/01590/DISC

The Sibford Action Group have been keeping a close eye on the planning portal with regards to the conditions associated with the development [18/01894/OUT](#) on the Hook Norton Rd, especially condition no 8 in the appeal decision letter, relating to the additional surface water and sewage generated by the development and the ability of the current system to cope with the additional volumes.

We noted that Condition 8 of the Appeal Decision APP/C3105/W/19/3229631 specifically stated that the development could not commence before full details **including a sewage modelling assessment** were supplied and **approved by the local authority in writing**.

We also note that on 7th Feb 2019, Sylene Finnikin, Planning Technician at Severn Trent Water wrote to Bob Neville explaining that: **"As a pumped solution is being proposed for foul for this site a sewer modelling assessment will be required, this is to determine what impact the generated flows from this site will have on the network and to determine the maximum pump rate that could be accommodated within the existing network without worsening the existing sewer performance in rainfall events. Severn Trent may need to undertake a more comprehensive study of the catchment to determine if capital improvements are required."**

The residents of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower have not seen the outcome of Severn Trent's assessment and are deeply concerned that the current sewerage system won't be able to cope with the additional load. During the winter months and under icy road conditions, the vehicles transporting the sewage away from the collection point cannot always operate up the steep valley road and this is just one example of how unsustainable the current infrastructure is today, let alone having to accommodate the additional loads from the development of 25 additional houses

We would be grateful if CDC can confirm that:

- 1) Gade Homes have supplied the requested sewer modelling assessment.
- 2) Severn Trent have seen and responded in full to this modelling?

Please advise:

- What Severn Trent Water's response was in terms of the ability of the current system to cope with additional loads.
- Whether Severn Trent Water will conduct their own "more comprehensive study of the catchment, to determine what capital improvements will be needed."
- The estimated time scale required by Severn Trent water to complete their own more comprehensive survey and the timeframe to complete any necessary capital improvements.

We note that some work to the electricity infrastructure has already commenced despite Condition 8 not having been discharged.

Can you reassure the residents of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower that no further approval for development will be given, until such time as Severn Trent Water have answered all these questions to yours and our satisfaction?

We strongly object to any further work commencing on site, until Severn Trent have responded in full and reassured the local residents that plans have been put in place to manage the additional loads that will be placed on the sewerage system.

We look forward to receiving your reply.

Kind regards
Stewart Roussel
Secretary - Sibford Action Group