For the attention of Philip James - Planning Policy Manager - Interim

Proposed extension to the area for housing growth, south east of Blandford St Mary

I write in response to the above mentioned proposal in Blandford St Mary and I would like to record my objections to this proposed land use on the following basis:

1. The present infrastructure is already inadequate for the existing number of dwellings and without further road improvements, particularly on the A350, adding more properties on the proposed site would mean more traffic congestion, more road noise and pollution within a conservation area. There does not appear to be any plan for a future relief road to remedy this situation.

2. At the present moment in time Blandford St Mary School has reached full capacity. With the proposed increase in housing it is clear that a new school would be required.

3. As the owner of a grade 11 listed property very close to the proposed site, I feel very strongly that such a large development will destroy the beautifully preserved aspect of lower Blandford St Mary with the church, Manor house and other listed buildings in this conservation area. Moreover, the old railway (now the trail way) is of utmost importance as part of our national heritage and should be preserved as a place of peace and tranquility for residents young and old to enjoy within the Blandford area. The proposed scheme would compromise the trail way for future generations.

4. I would request clarification as to why the residents of the housing development at Bryanston Hills have not been consulted, particularly as this proposal and further increased proposal of the development would destroy the small village aspect of Blandford St Mary.

5. I would also request why other sites have not been fully considered in the future of Blandford Camp and possible redevelopment of this site for housing which is within the by-pass boundary along with other previously suggested sites within the by pass catchment. I would seek assurance that other more suitable brown fill sites have been fully considered.

6. I would request that the proposed site be thoroughly checked and excavated to ensure that it was not an area of archaeological importance (recent new discoveries at stone henge spring to mind)

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