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Sandip Mahajan (Planning Policy)

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Sent: 23 January 2014 21:09
To: PlanningPolicy
Subject: (SANDIP HAS PRINTED FOR THE CONSULTATION RESPONSE BOX) Objection to Local Plan

We wish to object to the inclusion of the land off Dorchester Hill, Blandford to Mary for building houses for the following reasons.

1. We object very strongly to North Dorset District Council keep including Blandford St Mary in with the town of Blandford. Blandford St Mary is a village it **is not** part of Blandford and therefore should not keep being included in with the housing demand.
2. The area proposed is not suitable because of the amount of traffic which would increase. The junction has been altered already to try and make it safer, because of the increase in traffic and any more would make this area dangerous. The bottom of the hill cannot be made wider because of the houses already there and it is already congested and an accident is waiting to happen.
3. There has been substantial building in the village over the last 10 to 15 years including a large Tesco and Homebase.
4. Planning permission has been granted for 200 houses on the Brewery site so believe that this is sufficient for a village let alone having another development.
5. Building in this area would have a detrimental effect to the landscape, it would be encroaching into countryside. This site is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and should be preserved. There was major disruption with the large development of Bryanston Hills and the wildlife is only just returning after the upheaval of this.
6. By building on this land could cause the rainfall to flood the lower part of Blandford St Mary, this happened to some of the houses when Bryanston Hills was first built.
7. The site in the north east of Blandford would be more appropriate but if it must be in Blandford St Mary the site on the opposite side of Tesco roundabout would be more suitable and I understand the owner wishes this to be developed. This would have less impact on the rest of Blandford St Mary and the residents of Dorchester Hill who have already had tremendous disruption when the area behind them was developed within the last decade.

I strongly object to the proposal of using the land opposite Tesco to replace the building of houses on Crown Meadows. Just because there has been a great deal of lobbying from a group of people putting pressure on members of the public it should not be dumped it on a village. If North Dorset District Council agreed to this that would mean there would be three large developments in the village. Blandford is a town and should have the bulk of the building **not a village**.

No other village has been subject to so much development over the last few years as Blandford St Mary.

On a personal note, we have lived in Blandford St Mary for nearly 30 years and have had to endure endless building around us and it would just be rather nice not to have the disruption of more building in our lives. North Dorset District Council is supposed to care about the well being of their residents but by building yet again off Dorchester Hill is not showing any respect for the residents.

We hope you will consider our objections and not just dismiss them out of hand and not treat it as a NIMBY, because we have already had a development at the back of our gardens.

Susan & James Nisbet

