

TARMAC PLANNING APPEALS

Resumed 29th October 2024

I didn't originally intend to speak at this Appeal, however, having listened to the developers presentation, I felt compelled to speak.

PRODUCTIVE AGRICULTURAL LAND

We cannot allow food producing fields to be destroyed by building houses on them. As a country, we need to retain or expand our food production rather than relying on imports. Once this ground is covered in concrete, it will never return to the beautiful open countryside covered in wheat or barley as it has been for centuries.

GREEN BELT

This land is Green Belt and the appeal proposal would contravene the key purpose of the Green Belt, in safeguarding the countryside from encroachment.

This is especially pertinent, when this developer has applied for only 45 houses to be built. If this site were to be allowed Planning Permission, it is extremely likely that the whole of this field and the adjoining fields would be the subject of further planning applications. Even 45 houses encroaching into the countryside totally spoils the openness of this area and can be seen from several different footpaths and houses.

SITE LOCATION/ENTRANCE

The entrance for this site is down a narrow dead end road which leads to footpaths across the fields and the Football Club, on the top left hand side.

At the entrance there are private houses to the right and the local primary and junior school on the left, with a gate leading to the parking area.

This entrance road is partly owned by the Parish Council and it is used for parking when young children are dropped off and collected. It is also used for parking when the Football Club have a match.

This is not a suitable entrance for a new housing site due to proximity of young children crossing this area to and from vehicles. Large excavation and building vehicles travelling through the single two way carriageway, which runs immediately in front of the school, will increase delays as this is the only through road.

UNSUSTAINABLE

There are so many Planning Applications and Appeals ongoing for this small rural village, that would double the size of a village which is already missing the necessary amenities.

The lack of schools, Doctors, Pharmacies, supermarkets, cycle lanes and a restricted bus service means that car usage is essential.

Doctors and hospital appointments require two buses as it is too far to walk safely to a connecting bus.

The recent High Court case, where the developer for a substantial development in the village, appealed against two areas of Inspector Hayden's decision. The appeal dealt with only Biodiversity and Previously Developed Land.

This appeal was dismissed by the High Court Judge.

Inspector Hayden's finding that the village is unsustainable was not challenged.

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