

Comments

Site Specific Part 2 Local Plan - Main Modifications Consultation (19/03/21 to 30/04/21)

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Representation

I have been a resident of this village for almost 25 years and in that time have seen many changes imposed on us - most not desired by the community I speak to. I object in the strongest possible terms to any further development in the village, especially if it involves our important green spaces, protected or not.

The village itself was less than 160 properties when we moved in and in the last 7 or 8 years, it has been increased by 10% and now stands at over 175 due to the building of 14 properties on the old school site and 2 further houses on land to the rear of school lane. At the same time, we have endured the selling off the village school, the school playing field, and now the village boundary has been redrawn in order to enable further housing development of at least 2 further properties in spite of the fact that the previous survey of the parish in 2013 rejected by 88% any further development outside of the existing village boundary. 95% of the village wanted the conservation area to be extended, and over 87% wanted the countryside and rural character of the village protected. These are views which I totally agree with.

None of this development was a result of an "established" local need and should have been rejected by KBC but it wasn't. We are a village with virtually no local amenities and poor transport provision. We do not have a shop, only one bus per hour but none on a Sunday, one church, one chapel which is under threat of closure, and one pub. To even think of developing on our protected or unprotected green spaces should be rejected out of hand as they form the heart and soul of the village.

The green spaces are integral to the very nature and beauty of the village as well as being of historical importance to the development of the village over the centuries and most of our green spaces lie within the conservation area of the village and it is vital that they are protected from any development whatsoever in order to protect our wildlife and the tranquility of the village. We already have an issue with car parking, flooding of the 2 main roads through the village and further properties anywhere in the village will only increase the problem.