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For the Attention of Emma Worley Case Officer for Application W/22/00201/out

Dear Emma,

I hope you recall that I have spoken to you concerning this application and that Hampton Lovett and Westwood Parish Council were having a meeting on Wednesday 16th March 2022, and we considered that it would be best for me to forward to you the feelings of the Parish Council rather than mine individually. And that you would accept the Parish Council's comments although we have slipped by the official closing date for comment.

Parish Councils Comments

The background of these comments are made against a situation where on the 28th January 2020 the Secretary of State had appointed a Barrister Ms Zoe H.R. Hill to oversee an Appeal for building 144 houses on the site where the developer is now looking to erect 102 dwellings providing additional spaces within the development site.

As the Appeal hearing went on for over a week many of the reasons for rejecting this application even in its reduced form have been well aired in public and remain the same.

There is however a need to re-inforce certain of the points that were raised previously that in the last two years have been left un-attended.

These are:-

1.The extension of the sewerage system which runs from the Hampton Lovett Industrial Estate under the A422 and along Elmbridge Brook (North side). This system has raised manholes, to prevent flood water running into the sewerage system when the Brook floods. In an attempt to convey the seriousness of the inadequacy of this system in the last 5 weeks Severn Trent have had to attend these manholes as the sewerage inside them has lifted the heavy concrete covers off the top of them and spilt sewerage into the low lying land and the Elmbridge Brook. Councillor Bob O Sullivan who lives close by has been monitoring this situation closely with Severn Trent.

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2. The Secretary of State accepted that the development was in open Country side and not in any form of Urban Setting.

3. Any development whether the original or the proposed new development both take away the strategic gap which was always a part of the long term plan to prevent Droitwich spreading Northwards towards Cutnall Green. If this was to disappear the development Northwards would continue every time there was a need for more employment land or more housing land.

4. We need to clarify for correctness of detail that areas where land contamination has taken place which are are following reasons:-

A) A suggestion of a tank site is where the government installed the sewerage farm for the prisoner of War Camp which was built in the early 1940's on 10 acres of land requisitioned from the local farmer. This is, how the site came into existence, (not as a workers hostel). The M.O.D / Environmental and Worcester Regulatory Services must have a process for processing these redundant sites so that they do not become a nuisance although this could become very costly.

B) The other area which has now been taken out of the current proposal is the old Marl hole which formed a pond in the site and became filled with rubbish. This pond area needs to be cleared of degraded materials, which produces unacceptable gases for healthy living.

C) A grid survey needs to be carried out to ensure that the builders of the Mobile Site or a local farmer have not buried any other materials within the development site which can produce unacceptable gases.

5. The official documentation both in the original and in the current documentation mis-represents the Railway Line which forms the boundary to the site between it and the A442. The Railway Line is not dis-used but is a high quality well maintained railway track and routinely carries Nuclear Power packs to and from their site of use to Sellafield where they are re recharged with new Nuclear fusion material.

6. On line shopping is now well ingrained within the population and hence much care needs to be taken over the sizes and type of new entrances into any proposed new development as the Amazon traffic continues to increase on and off the same section of the A442.

7. To the best of the knowledge of the Parish Council and their District Councillor Wychavon have not fallen behind in supplying the correct number of houses on numbers which have been signed off by the government and which are still legally binding upon the District Council.

The Parish Council rejected the Application as it had previously backed up by the Public Enquiry in 2020 particularly as in the two year period the service providers and the developers have not carried out any work to clear what are basic problems identified in our list above. The above should be taken together with the comments from Cllr. Christine Ellson-Evans who is the Parish Councillor for Doverdale Park Homes

Yours sincerely,

G D Crow

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