

Sedgeberrow Submitted Neighbourhood Plan Consultation

RESPONSE FORM

Under Regulation 15 of the Neighbourhood Planning (General) Regulations 2012, Sedgeberrow Parish Council has submitted its Neighbourhood Plan to Wychavon District Council. In accordance with Regulation 16, Wychavon District Council would like to invite comments from individuals and organisations on the submitted Neighbourhood Plan.

This consultation runs from Monday 18 July to 5pm on Monday 5 September 2022.

All comments will be made publicly available and identifiable by name and organisation (where applicable). The personal information you provide on this form will be held and processed in accordance with the requirements of Data Protection Legislation. More information on how we will hold your data can be found at:

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Please fill in your details in the boxes below:

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Please state which part of the Neighbourhood Plan (i.e. which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to (please use a separate form for each representation):

5.7 Housing Policy

Please use the space below to make comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

The plan proposes that a community centre will be built on the Springfield Nurseries site (albeit not via the housing developer) and the proposed position of this is very close to the properties on Barn Lane. If the centre is to be used as described in the plan i.e. “could be used by those on the school run” and furthermore: “parents on the school run could park here and possibly get a coffee at a community building, whilst younger children play in the associated outdoor space” - as well as being hired out for social occasions at any time of the day, we would be very concerned about the excessive noise from cars as well as from groups of people so close to where we live. Many of the residents of Barn Lane moved here due to its peaceful location!

Access – we still don’t have clarity on how access to the site will be accomplished given that inserting an access on the corner of Main Street has previously been rejected due to its proximity to Barn Lane. Surely, putting an access essentially on the corner of Main Street isn’t safe?

The plan suggests that, by demolishing the existing structures and redeveloping the site, it will “provide...environmental benefits”. We disagree with this assertion. Putting 24 houses – each with two parking spaces - plus space for a community centre with a parking area will mean a significant increase in hard surface on the site, which we are very concerned will increase the possibility of flooding. We already see flooding in the equine arena next to the site and the surrounding fields when there is heavy rain, so building on the site will only make the situation worse as there will be less area for the water to drain away into the ground.

There is also a diverse range of wildlife on and around the site, including owls, foxes, hedgehogs, Great Crested Newts (a protected species) to name a few – what happens to them when the houses are built?

The current owner of the site cultivates some of the land to grow flowers and produce, so surely this means the area is a greenfield site, not a brownfield site and therefore should be protected in line with the Neighbourhood Plan’s policy on preserving green spaces.

Finally, there are currently two other planning applications (W/22/01419/FUL and 21/02833/OUT) for the village which propose 25 new houses (split between the two sites), which present fewer problems and issues than those outlined above. If both of these applications are approved, they would meet the village’s new housing quota – as well as being in line with village residents’ preference for smaller developments. These would render building on Springfield Nurseries unnecessary.

Please state whether you would like to be notified of the Council’s decision on the Neighbourhood Plan proposal:

Yes

 Y

No

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