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Development Services
Wiltshire Council
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Dear Steven Sims and the Parish Council.

I write this letter in relation to a planning application that has been proposed for the Village of Heywood , Four five bedroom eco dwelling houses and a Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Park to be located at Church Road Heywood .

As a long term resident of Heywood Village, home owner of a house on Church Road and part of the community I thought it was important to write to you and share my thoughts, views and opinions on the above proposal , as this is very significant and important to me. Its important to look at the advantages instead of the disadvantages and look at the positives and not be so negative about it .
I believe Thomas is trying to do a good thing and give back to the community .

I would like to start by stating that my partner and I support what is being proposed and I believe this is a great opportunity for the village and this needs to be embraced and the positive facts need to be looked at .
Im shocked at how negative people are being and I believe this is direct and personal towards Thomas and the fact he might not be liked by the villagers who are objecting .
Unbiased decision needs to be made which is fair and takes all into consideration .

I have no connections to Thomas and I'm wholly impartial. The first time I met Thomas was two weeks ago when he was in the village speaking with villagers . Before this I just herd his name being thrown around the village and him talked about in a bad way .

I live with my partner, My partner echoes all that I say and offers his full support as well .

I have read through the full application, the concerns and I have even spoke with people in the village who strongly object and people who are for this development , there seems to be two reasons/arguments against, 1. traffic and 2. wildlife.
Im my opinion these are very weak arguments . People are making an awful lot of assumptions with no fact to back up their comments.

This proposal is going to split the village and there will be conflict between the villagers as some will object and some will support.
Some of the villagers that object will not be directly affected by this and live the other side of the bridge or either end of Heywood .

. We need to think and forward plan for the future generations, there are more children in the village now and we need to give them a future and safe surroundings, we don't currently have this .

The village is used as a rat run, the traffic through the village is dangerous and already extremely high, building four new houses isn't going to make the traffic issue any worse , the traffic issues come from people who do not live in the village and cut through .

What we need to be doing is solving the problem and there is a solution to this.
With in the proposal Thomas will be paying to put in a new traffic management signage and traffic calming measures , restrict non residential traffic and enforce a 20mile hour speed limit, this is classed as a traffic calming measure and is what the village needs. Im surprised a child, or adult have not been run over yet, a serious accident and more wildlife hit.
FACT : Studies have shown traffic calming can reduce accident levels by up to 40% , air pollution can also be reduced.

Its quite clear the dwellings will not be isolated and there is infrastructure around the village , we sit next to a major A road for one.
I have read the previous refusals which is very bias and poor. One reason was unstable location , if this is the case how did planning permission get accepted for the houses on the village green years ago and what about the rest of the villagers in the village we manage to survive , believe it or not some people do not want to live near amenities and will walk and cycle , catch the bus .
I have read a comment made by Peter Sexstone who states ' the claims in the application of accessibility to local faculties by local foot / cycle / bus are overstated- they are not and I can provide proof of this and I invite him and anyone else to come try it out with me and see how easy accessible they are
Its takes 30 minutes to walk into Westbury tried and tested .
10 minutes to the pub in Hawkridge and 6 minutes to the farm shop.
20minutes to walk to the Industrial estate .
20 minutes to cycle to Trowbridge and 10 minutes into Westbury .
I have also walked to Westbury train station using the footpaths across the fields and this has taken 30minutes .
6 minutes to Clanger woods and there are some great dog walks that take minutes to access .
The bus service runs daily on a regular basis .

The increased use of the junction at Church Road , this is over used by people who do not need access to the village and there is already a solution proposed mentioned above . Are there facts and figures to support the reaction due to traffic ??

Undesirable encroachment into the countryside - four new houses would represent an alien form of development , I don't see this at all there will be plenty of neighbours around a good community . This is very discriminative about people who want to live in a less built up area where are the opportunities for these people who want to live in the country side with less neighbours and people around them .

The proposal to create a Queen Elizabeth ll Memorial Park is a fantastic idea for the village and this side of the bridge - Church Road need this. This is a great opportunity to create a space for all villagers from the younger generation ,children to the older Generation . I would also welcome the extra car parking spaces for the community to use to get cars off the main road not being parked on the main road through the village ,this is becoming an issue .
I can not see this attracting more traffic as this would be used by the Village who would walk to this and for possible cyclists as many come through the village .
This Would be a great space for the children to meet and play as we currently do not have this opportunity in the village and there are children who live in the village.
There is no safe space for children currently and I can count at-least 9 children under the age of 15 who live on Church road

Wildlife - i don't see much wild life the odd dear here and there and the land that is in the proposal for the houses to be built on has no protection matters in regards to wildlife. There is the woodland that will be un touched and is protected

The site currently is an eye sore , its more of a Waste land and there is limited day light due to the trees , once these are cut back and tided up this will be a lot better ,i can not see the houses causing any issues for daylight due to where they are being placed.

In conclusion this is a fantastic positive opportunity for the village of Heywood we need to look forward and at the bigger picture , I believe this will add value to the village and create a more family friendly community lets not find excuses and lets look at the advantages . Lets be part of the vision and create a great village .
Comments and Quotes about how it breaches or is in contrary to policy of villages or national planning policy is opinion only, as it depends how this read and understood/ interpreted by the people making the comments . I don't think it does ,I would like to know how this is contrary to the national planning policy section 9.
The policy states considerations should be made and taken into account which they have been with solutions .
The council, parish council and all involved should be looking at ways to make this happen and support the proposal , helping with solutions and ideas and no just being dismissive and finding faults .

Kind Regards

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