

Dear Sir/Madam

We wish to object to the current proposal for yet further housing in Baschurch specifically BAS017.

It appears that the original report suggested that 'the site does not score very well in terms of relationship to village services and facilities'. We are then very perplexed that there has been a complete U-turn despite no changes in the village in the interim.

In the revised report it suddenly scores well for access to public transport, I was not aware that there had been a change in either bus services and likewise the train station has not been opened despite a move to try to open it. In addition to the lack of public transport the roads for private transport are diabolical. The roads to the village are littered with potholes which are compounded by extraordinary numbers of HGV's taking a shortcut from the A5 between Oswestry and Shrewsbury and also numerous farm vehicles transporting crops many miles and causing havoc through the village.

The developers have 'sweetened' the proposal of many more houses by suggesting they provide a plot of ground for a new doctor's surgery. This I realise has to be added as part of government guidelines but having working in General Practice for over 20 years, I wonder if anyone in the council had actually discussed this possibility with the new Shropshire CCG. The current GP's in the village had not been approached when the original report was put through and in my experience the Health Authority would not be able to fund such a plan. Unless the developers were willing to build a complete surgery and then be willing to rent to the current GP practice at a low rent then I doubt this suggestion would come to fruition. I would be interested to have a reply about a firm plan that had been drawn up in association with the Shropshire CCG. Are the developers going to complete a fully functioning surgery or has anyone had the foresight to meet the local GP's to see if it would be possible within their business plan?. Otherwise it is just a developers fantasy to enable them to have their plans passed by the planning office.

My mother lives in the bungalow next to the footpath which is supposed to be one access to the proposed development. Over the years that she has lived there the width of the access has been measured at least 3 times to our knowledge and each time was considered too narrow. Again I ask what has suddenly changed?. There must be some minimum requirements from the highways authority and have these suddenly changed.

The other proposed access to the development is through the Milford Road. Has anyone from the planning office actually tried to use that road and done any form of traffic survey. I think if they had it would soon become very apparent that it is a dangerous option. You are intending to have ambulances and many cars travelling on a narrow lane which I know, as I have used the road many, many times is very restricted. If you have done a survey I would like to have a copy.

As far as the site being on a flood risk area, perhaps the council should try to get insurance for that area as the insurance companies seem to think it is in a flood risk area.

I understand that Local government is under pressure to build extra homes, however building homes without first putting in the infrastructure to support them seems foolish in the extreme. The schools are already oversubscribed and there is limited activity and play areas for the existing children. As previously discussed the roads and transport will not support yet more houses especially with the possibility of an extra 1 or 2 cars per house.

I would like to know why in the short space of time the Council have suddenly completely changed their view about the site. Why does it now score positively where as previously in your own words it did not. Have the guidelines miraculously changed or have your members had their views changed?

I look forward to your reply in addressing our concerns and the reasons for the changes.

Yours Faithfully

Steve and Gail Williams

Also on behalf of Mrs Merle Sheldon, '

and Mrs Sheila Williams,