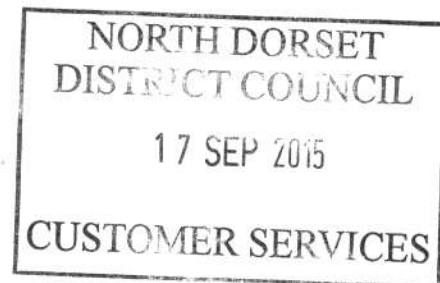




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Dear Mr James,

Ref: Proposed extension to the area for housing growth, south east of Blandford St. Mary.

We are both extremely disappointed to see that the Council are considering a major development on land outside the bypass at Blandford St Mary and would like it noted that we are **objecting** to the aforementioned proposed development for the following reasons;

1. **This land is extremely visible and a rural scene at present, such a development would not enhance the area by making it urban. The visual impact would be detrimental to it's surroundings and the various listed buildings in close proximity. We would ask whether a full assessment has been carried out on the effect this development would have on the heritage assets within the area?**
2. **Blandford has other sites that could be developed which would not have such a negative impact. Has the Council conducted a full 360 degree study of Blandford Forum, and if so has a Strategic Environmental Assessment been considered? There are areas off Black Lane, Fairmile and south of Pimperne that would be better suited to a major development.**
3. **This proposed development would lead directly onto two major arterial roads (A350 & A354) which are already very busy. This could mean the area will become an accident black spot, with both car users, pedestrians and cyclists.**
4. **Where are all the residents for these houses coming from, are the houses for people local to the Blandford area? Furthermore, does Blandford offer enough jobs, schools and doctors surgeries to support the residents? We feel that the town is already under pressure with the limited infrastructure this major development could be severely detrimental to its fragile state. What arrangements does the Council have in place to deal with this issue?**
5. **It was indicated at the time of the agreement to Rosefields and Bryanston Hills that this area off the A354/A350 would not be considered for further building then or in the future.**

We very much look forward to hearing from you regarding all our concerns and how the council are going to deal with them.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Claire & Mr Stephen Way