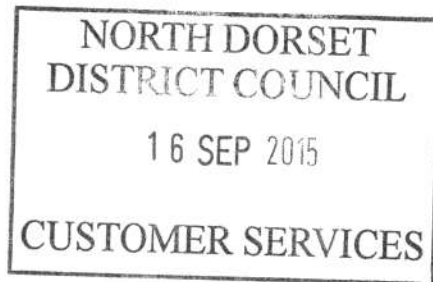


12<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015

Mr P. James  
Planning Policy  
N.D.D.C.  
Blandford Forum  
Dorset. DT11 7LL



Dear Sir,

Proposed extension to the area for housing growth, South east of Blandford St. Mary

With reference to your letter of 24.7.2015 regarding the above, which I read with shock, horror and disbelief, I would like to make the following points for your consideration:-

1. When we moved into Lower Blandford St. Mary back in 1975 I regarded it as a haven of peace where we could bring up our young family and when the <sup>time</sup> came enjoy our retirement. In recent years we have had to cope with increasing traffic and difficulty in getting onto the main A350 with our vehicles. Even more of a problem is crossing the main road as a pedestrian into Wards Drive especially with the responsibility of accompanying grandchildren and/or dog. The speed of traffic approaching from the Dorchester road roundabout is excessive - used by many as a race track. With the proposed new development I think the problem would be greatly magnified and the safety of pedestrians should be given major consideration.

2. Although I appreciate that there are many people to be housed, villages are part of our heritage which needs to be protected, this sadly seems of little importance

PTO

to planners and villages and village life are gradually becoming a thing of the past. I can envisage this happening here with Church Lane becoming subsumed by this development.

3. Since the pedestrianization of Blandford our town has suffered from long queues especially along East Street and the Market Place, difficulty in parking which will be made worse by extra vehicles in and out of the town.

4. Our NHS is already under pressure here in Blandford and at the Whitecliff Mill Surgery where I attend with a wait of 3 weeks for a routine appointment.

These are my most salient feelings against the new development, therefore I implore you to reject it especially as there are more suitable sites to the North and West of Blandford which are within the bypass which I have always understood was the intention for future developments.

Yours faithfully

[REDACTED]

C. WRENCH