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WEYMOUTH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

I would like to express my grave concern about the suitability and viability of the proposed Housing Development at Wyke Oliver Farm that has been included in the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.

I would also like to emphasise that this site is a continuation of the green field farm area of the now deleted Brackendown Avenue Development. Consequently, the Wyke Oliver Farm site is equally unsuitable and unviable for exactly the same reasons.

There has been very little consultation with the residents.

The original Survey Questionnaire was not treated correctly and my comments and those of all the Preston residents were deleted from the Plan Consultation. It was only after process that the Steering Committee were instructed to repeat the exercise, and our comments were then included.

My main concerns are:-

INFRASTRUCTURE

1. The proposed road access (Wyke Oliver Road) is of insufficient standard and width to accommodate the resulting greatly increased volume of traffic let alone construction plant vehicles.
2. The junction of Wyke Oliver Road and Preston Road is already difficult especially at peak times and the substantial increase in traffic would make the junction even more dangerous.
3. Public transport options are limited and the nearest bus stop would be a long way from the development site. This would impact the availability of amenities, schools and local facilities.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

This proposed development would:-

1. Increase the risk of flooding which already occurs in extreme weather conditions.
2. Have an adverse impact on the stability of the land because of many present springs and subsequent surface water runoff caused by development. There is already evidence of subsidence at properties close to Wyke Oliver Farm.
3. The development would greatly ruin the visual character of the landscape and the scenic quality of the area. It would certainly have a very negative effect on the greenfield space and area of natural beauty.
4. The development would certainly not protect the habitat of wildlife. It is the home of badgers, bats, foxes and also migrating swifts which have been returning for years.

In conclusion I consider the proposed Housing Development at Wyke Oliver Farm is completely inappropriate and unsustainable and should not be included in the Weymouth Neighbourhood Plan.

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