

Langham Housing Preferred Options Consultation

We are very disturbed to see the CBC Preferred Options for Langham include for a disproportionate allocation of 125 new dwellings in the village, which could well compound up further when developers try to increase the number of units on individual sites.

We also believe that this large number of dwellings would put unreasonable extra pressure on the village, and its harmful impact would change its whole feel and aspect for the residents.

We strongly put forward our views for your reconsideration:

- a) Langham is very much a rural village and this substantial increase in the number of dwellings would destroy its local rural character, by possibly increasing the existing units and population by up to 25%.
- b) We do not believe that there is a need within the village for this extra 125 properties and the possible 400 – 500 increase in number of occupants including children.
- c) The current village facilities are not sufficient to support this increase in occupants.
- d) The extra traffic caused by these schemes would cause further problems to the current use of the village roads and nuisance to the residents.
- e) The village primary school has no large capacity to accommodate this number of extra children.
- f) School Road is currently under extreme traffic pressure and congestion during school times due to the existing parents accessing the school and the traffic movements to and from the commercial units in this road. The major sites are the two new estates proposed in School Road.
- g) The two small estates proposed for School Road are each too big and impractical with their access on to this road for the reason given above. We believe that only frontage infill development should be considered and not small estates, which with their extra dwellings will be creating most of the problem issues.
- h) There is insufficient local employment for this extra number of residents.
- i) There is no village doctor or nearby healthcare facilities.
- j) There is limited public transport access especially for healthcare and secondary schools.
- k) Our local village could well change for the worst and become too large and urbanised losing all its present character, and will be changed forever by these extra housing developments.

- l) There is also a reservation about whether the existing sewage drainage and disposal facilities are capable of being upgraded economically to accommodate this increase in proposed dwellings.

We also believe there is a further site (or sites) being put forward for your consideration in addition to the preferred 3 No sites included under your consultation. We presume this will not be the case and will not be considered without further public discussion as it further exacerbates all the situations and problems noted above.

As long term and happy residents wanting the best for the future of our village, we consider the preferred options to be completely inappropriate due to the excess quantity of dwellings being put forward, and would change (destroy) forever our rural village community.

However, we support the alternative view put forward by the Langham Parish Council advocating a more realistic maximum figure of 85 dwellings be considered to be built over the plan period to avoid future harm and over development to our current village community situation.

We therefore urge you to strongly reconsider downwards the number of new dwellings currently being put forward.

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