

Woodview

Moss Lane

Bettisfield

SY13 2LS

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Planning Appeal Land East of Cadney Lane Bettisfield

P/2022/0869

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to outline my objections to the appeal made by R Hall to build 9 more houses on Cadney Lane.

It must be reiterated that Bettisfield is a hamlet that does not have the necessary infrastructure to support this planning application to build 9 more houses. It must be highlighted in this letter of objection that the planning application and therefore the appeal is outside of the Unitary Development Plan for WCBC.

To repeat, Bettisfield is not a village: it is a hamlet. There are no proper pathways which means we are often walking along the roads with no street lighting which makes personal safety for pedestrians a major concern. With no bus service, car use is essential. The roads themselves do not get repaired often and have many pot holes which affect the condition of our vehicles. Adding another 9 houses to an already strained resource will only put more pressure on the roads with more cars and heavy work vehicles up and down them which is surely what we are trying to reduce not increase. Moreover, we have an ageing population many on motability scooters who have to ride in these roads. We cannot afford to put their safety at risk and such an application to build more should be rejected.

As acknowledged by WCBC itself, there is next to no infrastructure in Bettisfield. We have no access to mains drainage/sewerage systems. Our cesspits are emptied regularly by heavy trucks – having extra housing – 9 extra houses with families - would mean even more sewage disposal trucks up and down the village. We have one road in and one road out. The congestion would be unbearable and mostly importantly dangerous for all of us. We have no local shops, school or post office and have to travel out to access these. We exist on a very fine balance and cannot cope with any more people or vehicles without causing real harm to the environment and its residents.

There is a high water table in Bettisfield and the hamlet is a natural sump. As such, we get severe flooding in our village already and it is a major problem when trying to drive or walk through the hamlet. We simply cannot cope with more housing adding to the already serious and quite frankly dangerous issue of surface water on the roads.

As an area known for its natural beauty I am sure we and the Council wish to retain that reputation. We have Great Crested Newts which are a precious part of our eco system. There are also [REDACTED] and foxes who have their pathways through the fields and the hamlet which additional buildings would destroy. There is also a substantial and generations old hedgerow near Bank House that should be protected under (Wildlife and Country Act 1981). We should not be building on such areas and driving out a very valuable part of our rich landscape in Shropshire.

For your information I will be forwarding a copy of the proposed planning application to the RSPB of which I am a member.

It is clear that nothing at all has changed on the proposed site since the last planning refusal so I cannot see how this planning appeal can proceed. It would be extremely detrimental should it be allowed to go ahead.

I ask that you consider my objections when making your decision.

Kind regards

Janet Price