



Planning Services
Wychavon District Council
Civic Centre
Queen Elizabeth Drive
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30 July 2019

FAO Katherine Smith

Dear Ms Smith

**Objection to Planning Application Ref 19/01541/FUL
47 Affordable Houses off Offenham Road, Evesham.**

We wish to register an objection to this application and urge the Planning Officer to require the submission of further information.

The submitted scheme and its justification is deficient for the following reasons:

1. The proposal includes
an area of multifunctional green infrastructure which will be well connected to the existing network within the wider area and deliver a broad range of ecosystem services. It will provide local residents not only on the proposed development, but also in neighbouring residential areas and visitors to the proposed new church, access to recreation, movement and leisure, as well as acting as a landscape setting to both new developments. The infrastructure will also function as flood attenuation and water source management. (paragraph 5.15 of the Planning Statement)

The submitted site layout plan shows the central part (approximately half) of this area as the surface water run-off collection area i.e. a lagoon. It is VERY unusual for this potentially dangerous area to be incorporated into the public open space. Usually, it is fenced off with security fencing, so that when it is filled with water, following a period of heavy rain, it is not a hazard to the public, children especially. The two uses should be separated and clearly defined. Alternatively, a proper Sustainable Drainage System across the whole site should be designed, to remove the requirement for a separate lagoon.

No area is provided for children's play i.e. no equipment and no reasonable sized area for kicking a ball about.

The proposed multifunctional area does not link functionally with the wider countryside immediately to the east, being cut off by a road. Thus, its use by nature and wildlife would be severely limited.

2. The Transport Statement refers to a speed survey undertaken on Offenham Road in 2018 (paragraph 2.15). This found that around 60% of drivers exceed the 30mph speed limit. However, no proposal is included for measures in the highway to reduce the speed along this stretch of the road, e.g. speed humps, road narrows etc. Such a scheme should be required as a condition of any planning permission.
The Transport Statement also refers to PICARDY modelling of the site access junction (paragraph 5.6). VECS members and the residents of the southern part of Evesham and the villages served by the Offenham Road are much more concerned about the lack of capacity of the junction of Offenham Road with Elm Road/Badsey Road at the mini-roundabout. At



peak times, the traffic backs up on the Offenham Road for some distance causing considerable inconvenience to road users, including the significant number of HGVs that use this junction. The transport consultants should be required to undertake PICARDY modelling of this junction to see what impact the additional traffic will have on peak flows in particular and to assess the need for junction improvements to cater for the additional traffic.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gill Pawson'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Gill Pawson
Hon. Secretary, Vale of Evesham Civic Society

c.c. County Highways Authority
Evesham Town Council and Ward Councillor
Wychavon District Ward Councillors