

Appeal reference : APP/W1850/w/20/3244410

Bloor Homes appeal against refusal of planning permission.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to the Bloor Homes planning application and to their appeal;

1. Herefordshire Council Policy is that a single access is only suitable for estates of 200-300 homes, so the single access for an estate of up to 625 homes goes against this policy and should be refused on these grounds alone.

2. As a resident of Ledbury, I took part in the parish poll, which overwhelmingly showed the view of the townspeople against the single access which Bloor Homes persists in offering as the only access to this site.

3. The Bosbury road is already backed up as far as Burtons Lane, a mile from the railway bridge junction with the Hereford Road. The traffic lights and other variations now offered by Bloor Homes, were examined by the consultants employed by Ledbury Town Council and many were found to be incorrectly calculated, to show better than actual results.

4. The Herefordshire Core Strategy, 2011-31, Policy LB2 states :

‘... provision of satisfactory vehicular access arrangements, the details of which will be determined at planning application stage’

However Bloor Homes application always stated :

‘... with the exception of access.

5. Bloor Homes claim 'Health and Safety' matters prevent access under the viaduct, whereas there are any number of viaducts in the UK, which carry railways and have traffic passing through on roads beneath - to view the nearest one only requires a visit to Worcester - less than 20 miles away.

6. When Ledbury's relief road (the Leadon Way bypass) was built several decades ago, the Hereford Road roundabout had a junction created by the planners, in preparation for traffic to be routed under the viaduct at some time in the future. That time is now! This junction currently provides a useful layby on the edge of town, but would be so much more useful and the main ingress/egress for 625 new homes. Two arches would be required for vehicular traffic and a further one for the restored section of Herefordshire and Gloucestershire Canal.

It is to be hoped that Bloor Homes appeal will fail and Ledbury's residents overwhelming expectation will prevail.

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