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Subject: Planning application comment was submitted

The following is a comment on application '**P192312/F**' by '**alison lathan**'

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment:

I object to planning application P192312/F on the following points.

1. The application suggests 7 x 3 bed. houses although on the drawings it shows both 3 and 4 bedrooms. Inconsistency.
2. The house frontages are identical and show no consideration to the style of traditional properties within the Wye Valley area. Seven 'cloned' houses in one area will have a big impact on the 'feel' of the village.
3. The construction materials are average and a type expected in an urban setting. No effort has been made to create something that blends into the environment.
4. At present 39 properties need to use Church Road/Ross Road to leave the village. A further 5 are under construction with another 4 in the pipeline. There is also the traffic associated with the nursery and the expected increase when the proposed bakery/church and village hall are reused. Delivery vans will also increase substantially with extra housing. The turning out of Church Road is blind and already represents a hazard to those who use it. The increase in traffic at this point would escalate the likelihood of an accident involving vehicles, pedestrians including children from the nursery who cross the lane regularly to access their nature area in the field opposite.
5. One bus a week is not sustainable transport. There is great dependency on private motor transport. It is unsafe to cycle to Ross on Wye unless very experienced and walking is via narrow lanes with 'blind' corners or across the fields. With traffic at present levels the journey is not a safe one.
6. The verges are already being pushed back by the need for vehicles to pass each other. This is amplified when farm machinery is also on the lanes. Both cars and farm vehicles are increasing in size yet the lanes cannot.
7. Environmentally, the fact that it is a short distance to Ross on Wye is just the type of journey that creates the most polluting emissions from motor vehicles.
8. When sitting on the circular bench on the 'protected open space' opposite the site, at present there is a view of open countryside. If these houses are approved then the only view will be of a mini urban development. No longer an A.O.N.B. for future generations, just an area of housing.
9. The gap between Oak House nursery and the first house does not compensate for

the lost views nor will it make the area feel any less 'built up'.

10. Although the ponds nearby have been recognised as necessary for wildlife including GCN's the afore mentioned creatures need areas to live and forage whilst out of the breeding season. They are continually expected to move elsewhere.

11. The last ecology report was carried out in August 2016. Since then the area nearby has been disturbed by the construction of 3 houses thus affecting the ecology system checked previously.

12. Who will ensure that 'No external lighting should illuminate any habitat enhancement feature' as stated in the ecology report or that bat/hedgehog/bird and amphibian boxes stay in situ?

13. The paddock area is likely to turn into a dumping ground for garden waste.

14. There has been no planning proposal posted near to the site to allow the public to be informed of the planning application.

15. Drainage. Has this been suitably addressed as this issue crops up regularly at Parish Council meetings as its inadequate at present?

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