

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/W1850/W/15/3140472

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By GLADMAN DEVELOPMENTS LTD

Site Address
Land off Pencombe Lane
Bromyard
Herefordshire
Grid Ref Easting: 364376
Grid Ref Northing: 254287

SENDER DETAILS

Name MR REGINALD DULLAM

ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- ☐ Appellant
- ☐ Agent
- ☒ Interested Party / Person
- ☐ Land Owner
- ☐ Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- ☐ Final Comments
- ☐ Proof of Evidence
- ☐ Statement
- ☐ Statement of Common Ground
- ☒ Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- ☐ Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

I wish to re-affirm most strongly my objection to the granting of Planning Permission for the Planning Application numbers 142175 and 150727 by Gladmans that have both been refused Planning

Permission by the Hereford Planning Committee and are now the subject of a Public Inquiry. The proposed site off Pencombe Lane is highly visible for a distance of at least 40 miles from the southerly direction and would directly oppose the present land slope of the whole of Bromyard Town and is not included in the New Core Strategy Plan just published. The enjoyment of the public footpath to the south of the proposed site will be spoiled by any development to what is undoubtedly grade one agricultural land that has not been cultivated for at least 30 years and which now contains many wild flowers and grasses which should be preserved. There is no way that the impact of such a development could be disguised by any tree planting scheme, so it would be visible from afar. It is also extending Bromyard Town in a direction that is opposed by Bromyard and Winslow Town Council and Chamber of Commerce, and after much consultation and public meetings is also opposed by local business and residents of Bromyard.

There is a preferred alternative site available and earmarked for at least 500 houses over the next 15 years, known as Hardwick Bank. Earlier developments have been made with the intention of continuation over Hardwick Bank site as required. This preferred site is included in the new Core Strategy Plan and two developers, Mosaic and Bovis Homes have expressed interest in developing Hardwick Bank and, provided that planning permission is granted, they are prepared to include a new route for heavy traffic to the industrial estate. This would be of tremendous benefit to the market town of Bromyard as articulated lorries have to navigate its narrow streets on a daily basis.

Building on the site off Pencombe Lane would put the whole Hardwick Bank development in jeopardy. Hardwick Bank site is much closer to Bromyard Town and all its amenities eg. Shops, Surgery, Library, Post Office and supermarkets. It is a much less prominent site and would blend into the local terrain more easily as it would be an expansion of the Town and not an extension.

If the public inquiry grants permission to develop land off Pencombe Lane, the whole benefits of developing the preferred site of Hardwick Bank will be lost to the people of Bromyard for generations. I urge you to listen to the voice of local people and not impose an unacceptable and unsuitable development on the Town against the wishes of its people.

I register my objection to the granting of Planning Permissions 142175 and 150727 following appeal and public inquiry.