

Planning application comment was submitted on the **19 April 2023 15:59 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P230457/F** by **Sandra Bradbeer**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: I object to this application because the proposed plan for the entrance to the development at Grovesend Field is wholly inappropriate for our village. This is a beautifully unspoilt part of the village, with buildings of historical interest, affording a pleasant scene. This was recognised when the conservation area was designated. The designation document, Designation of Conservation Area; Colwall Stone/Upper Colwall, Character Statement, under the heading Settlement Pattern, para 3, tell us that the areas around Old Church Road have largely retained their historic character and appearance, and stand out as areas of historic and architectural interest and high environmental quality within the village.

Clearly this was an important element of the justification for creating the conservation area and this should be respected.

Old Church Road is generally a narrow lane and unsuitable for pedestrian footpaths and cycle lanes. The road has always been used as a shared surface, which is a big part of the charm of this unspoilt part of the village. New footpaths along Old Church Road below Stone Drive would be a very prominent feature, out of character with and presenting a harsh frontage in the road scene.

I also object as this development will do nothing to encourage local tourism. If there is nothing worth seeing as they explore this rural designated area of outstanding natural beauty (AONB), there is less incentive for visitors to stay and use the local hotel, shops or other facilities. Visitors would instead experience new modern road features and more modern housing rather than a fine country lane featuring a splendid pastoral scene enhanced by green vegetation on both sides of the road.

This seems contrary to the promotion of tourism by conserving and enhancing the county's unique and environmental heritage assets and by recognising the intrinsic character and beauty of the countryside, as in Herefordshire's Council Adopted Core Strategy, Section 5 General Policies, Policy E4.

Also, according to the Colwall Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Vegetation should be encouraged and be protected.

Stone Drive is a very bendy residential road, narrowed by many parked vehicles. It is inconceivable that most Malvern bound vehicles from the Grovesend Field Site will be heading along the winding Stone Drive and negotiating the centre of the village. They will be heading up Old Church Road to join Walwyn Road, detracting from the enjoyment of other shared users, such as the cyclists, pedestrians and horse riders, along the route.

Because of the lack of width, devastating loss of hedgerow and other vegetation on Old Church Road, the loss of valuable open space on rolling lands to houses in an AONB and conservation area, together with the increase of traffic on very narrow lanes, I do not believe that this development should be allowed to happen.

Attachment:

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: Extended 30mph speed limit extended down Mathon Road.
Pedestrian crossings without lights along Walwyn Road at perhaps Provisions shop/bus stop and Estate
Agents/The Park Hotel,

Link ID: https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/info/200142/planning_services/planning_application_search/details?id=230457

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