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The following is a comment on application P230457/F by Jane Pountney

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

**Comment:** This is a village which is trying hard to improve the landscape and provision for wildlife and diversity of plants, with sustainable planting and restoring of orchards, allotments, surveys of hedgerows and a nature reserve called the Charlie Ballard Reserve. It is in an AONB. The site of the housing development will be visible from the Malvern Hills. It is on walkers' and cyclists' routes.

The area is close to the site a recent influential book by Benedict Macdonald and Nick Gates called simply "Orchard" which celebrates the unspoilt nature of local orchards and the biodiversity therein.

The Old Church Road site is also unsuitable because of poor access. Old Church Road is narrow and twisting. Stone Drive is narrow with residents' parked cars.

The junction of Stone Drive, Walwyn Rd, Crescent Rd and Lockyear Close is already congested. People (some with reduced walking) need to get to the chemist and post office on the Stone Drive-Walwyn Rd corner, yet there is nowhere to park safely. There's no designated pedestrian crossing here either, and no speed restriction. We are very lucky to have a station, a chemist, doctors' surgery, library, butcher, general store, café, hotel, hairdresser, post office, bus route to Hereford and Worcester and three schools. However the junction between all of these is already under pressure. Recently permission has been granted for a 60 bed care home on Walwyn Road and work has begun. 50 jobs are to be created. That will add to traffic congestion, naturally,

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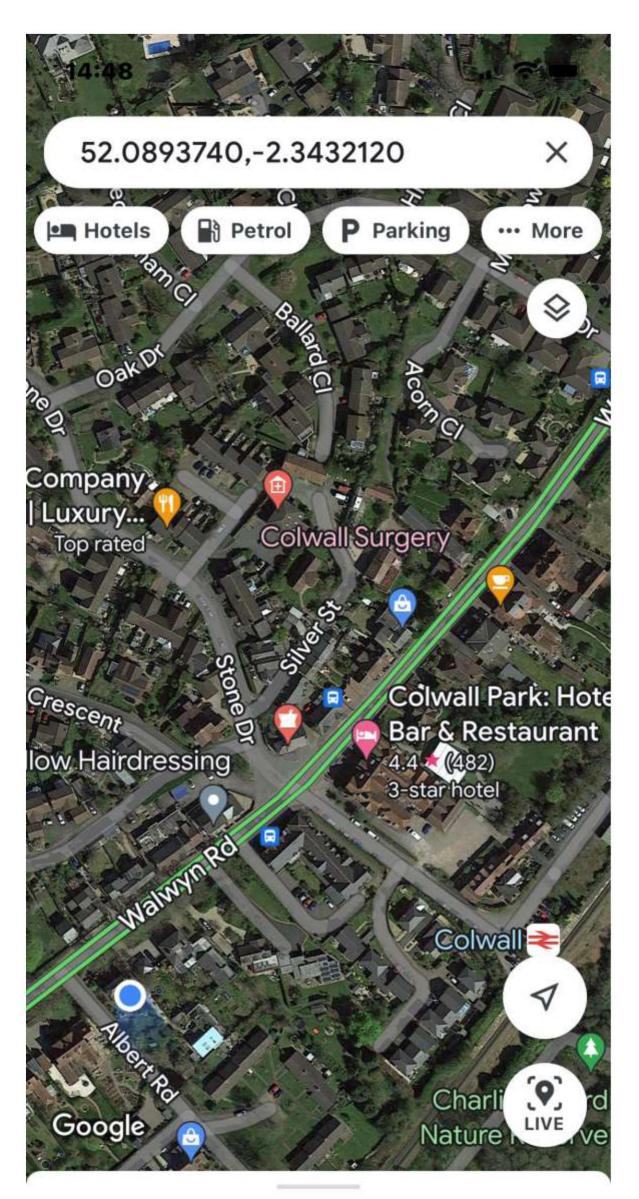
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**Infrastructure from section 106 to consider:** Infrastructure around the Stone Drive - Walwyn Road intersection, pedestrian crossings near both bus stops, speed restriction, perhaps chicanes between the general provision store towards the north and Brookside towards the south.

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