

Planning application comment was submitted on the **07 May 2024 15:41 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P230457/F** by **H Oakley**

**Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application**

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**Comment:** We are writing to express our concerns about the planned development for 36 houses on Grovesend Field, Old Church Road, Colwall.

The development has been the subject of very significant and well-documented local concern on a number of important grounds since its initial proposal, including unjustifiable damage to local heritage and character, highway safety, amenity, and environmental sustainability.

Most recently, in February 2024, Severn Trent Water objected to the development on the basis that it posed “a potential high risk of pollution” (from foul sewerage). This objection was rescinded in March 2024 after Severn Trent Water concluded they have a “low degree of confidence” in their current assessment and further survey work, estimated to take about 12 weeks, is required. Instead, Severn Trent Water has requested that any permission granted before this work is completed is made subject to a condition that Herefordshire Council receives and approves details for disposal of surface water and foul sewerage, to be implemented before the development is occupied.

Granting planning permission without key information regarding the likelihood, effect, and mitigation of potential flooding and pollution issues – about which Severn Trent Water maintain concerns – raises the risk that unforeseen problems will arise which will need to be dealt with retrospectively, and with no guarantee that this can be done satisfactorily.

In addition to the wide range of material concerns already raised about the scheme, it is essential that permission is refused unless and until Severn Trent Water prove that they can accommodate the additional burden this development will place on the village, and prevent any associated flooding and sewerage pollution.

Yours sincerely,

Emma and Helen Oakley

**Attachment:**

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Their contact details are as follows:

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**Infrastructure from section 106 to consider:** Additional funds for Colwall surgery and primary school; ensure

highway safety

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