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To: Planning Enquiries
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Subject: S112612/F Land off Attwood Lane, Holmer - Planning Officer Mr. R. Pryce

Dear Mr Pryce

Holmer and Shelwick Parish Council would like to submit the following objection to the above planning application:

Development Plan Policy

The development site falls out of the settlement boundary and the UDP and has not been included as part of the strategic housing allowance. Due to the shortfall on the five year land bank it was acknowledged by Cabinet on 12th July that development sites should be considered on the following criteria:-

1. Fall at locations which currently have settlement status within the UDP
2. Are located adjacent to the existing settlement boundary
3. In terms of sites of five or more units, they should be sites which have been assessment through the Strategic Housing Land Review as having low or minor constraints.

This site fails on 2 of the above criteria. In respect of landscaping the supporting evidence with the application indicates that this site has medium to high landscaping restraints. The site is bounded on three sides with hedgerows and being open sided on the lower side which therefore exposes the built up development who a high degree when viewed from Coldwells Road. No attempts within the landscaping proposals have been made to close this open site to help reduce the visual impact of the development.

It is doubtful whether this development can be drained by gravity and requests for more details of floor levels to enable the full landscaping impact have not been forthcoming. It would appear that the properties to the north side of the development would need to be raised at least a metre to enable the drainage to work and this would have a further devastating effect on the landscaping impact.

It is indicated on the proposed layout that there will be a football pitch and the parish requests further information to be provided as to how this football pitch would work on such sloping ground?

Development in this area which present forms a pastoral field retaining historic field pattern with rural character despite its proximity to the City.

The Parish Council objects to the inappropriateness of this site for residential development.

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