

Planning application comment was submitted on the **30 March 2023 12:32 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P230457/F** by **Christopher Honeywill**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: I strongly object to the planning application for Grovesend Farm on grounds of traffic increase on roads inadequate for the purpose, also no solution apparent for safety of pedestrians and cyclists via other routes plus ecological concerns. I feel that only lip service is being paid in the planning proposals to the needs of wildlife and a rural environment. I gather that a 5.5-6.0 metre width of road is required for adequate passing of vehicles: the main access road of Old Church Road does not have a pavement and is narrow throughout, often only 3.0-3.4 metres wide, with no option to widen nor to place a pavement or cycle lane because of old and characterful (often listed) buildings randomly sited along the road, as well as open countryside and agricultural land. The extra traffic would also impact badly on Stone Drive & Oak Drive: these were not built to take so much traffic and necessary parking reduces their width to 4.3 and 3.4 metres respectively. I gather there would have to be traffic calming and alteration at The Stone, where Stone Drive joins Walwyn Road. 'Colwall Stone' is an area designated on maps and it is surely affecting the character of Colwall, a village in the conservation area of Malvern Hills AONB, if the Stone has to be moved and road systems turned into those necessary for busier towns. I sincerely hope that several smaller, appropriate sites may be found, or a site with better access already (such as in Mill Lane by the village hall), for Colwall to contribute to a solution for the need for more housing. Many walkers and cyclists visit the Malvern Hills including Colwall and we surely wish to welcome them in Herefordshire and for this to remain a place of beauty, health and safety for visitors and residents alike.

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