

Planning application comment was submitted on the **21 April 2023 14:23 PM**

The following is a comment on application **P230457/F** by **Jenny Papettas**

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

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**Comment:** I write to object in the strongest terms to the development of the Grovesend Farm site.

The development is contrary to the site forming part of a conservation area. The open spaces around Old Church Road, including the Grovesend Farm site can be clearly viewed from the Malvern Hills and the Jubilee Drive area. The open spaces are considered to be an integral part of the conservation area, which contribute significantly to the rural character of the village and appearance of the area. Development of the Grovesend Farm will have an irreversible and negative impact on the character of village and should not be permitted. Any development should be confined to area outside of the conservation area.

The loss of this permanent pasture will also negatively impact on wildlife and habitat in the area. The space is an important part of the landscape which includes grazed areas, traditional orchards and wooded areas. The mosaic of different types of natural environment is important for biodiversity. The requirement for green space as part of the development will not make up for the loss of established habitat. The use of outdated information as to Special Wildlife Sites in Herefordshire demonstrates that the impact on local wildlife has not been adequately accounted for.

In addition, the current infrastructure of the village is not suited to the development of this site. In particular, Old Church Road and Stone drive are likely to become very dangerous with such an increase in traffic. I regularly walk up old church road, where there are no footpaths for the most part. The lane is also used regularly by horse riders and cyclists. This single lane carriageway is not at all suitable for such a considerable influx of traffic. Changing the road to accommodate the traffic will negatively impact the character of the area.

With these issues in mind I repeat that I strongly object to the development of the site. It is a travesty that a brownfield site within the village is being developed as a nursing home when this could have been used for housing. The provision of nursing beds was not deemed necessary and does not count towards the housing unit quota for the village. It is outrageous that such a site should be used in this way with green belt, conservation land then being used for housing provision. Alternative sites outside of the conservation areas should be found for development where this can not be avoided.

**Attachment:**

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**Infrastructure from section 106 to consider:** None - as above

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