

Planning application comment was submitted on the **28 July 2024 11:06 AM**

The following is a comment on application **P222138/O** by **Heather James**

Nature of feedback: Objecting to the application

Comment: I write with reference to the application that has been submitted several times in slightly amended forms but is basically once again to build 350 houses on prime agricultural land with no other intention than to make money from the sale of the land to a developer.

The land is in the main the only remaining inner city farm . We are now acutely aware ho much impact food production can have on us (the war in Ukraine and the resulting grain scarcity) we should as a country be looking to be more self sufficient rather than relying on importing food we could produce here.

The land is one of the only areas we as residents have to get walk from our homes and get much needed head space . I do recall that when the Church commissioners proposed the Bobblestock development there were many promises of facilities for the area most of which did not materialise. Surprise !

We only have Moor Park field for the whole community with an outdoor gym 1-yes just 1 bench and 1 goalpost . it seems we are not worthy of a country park which is what the Huntington area provides for us .

The land is on a flood plain and also 2 major employers rely on the water source to maintain their business and have always stated they will move if this water source is contaminated in any way - there is no way the developer can 100% guarantee this . Can Hereford city afford to lose these 2 main employers ?

Part of the plan includes a care home ! does Hereford need another one? there are empty care homes around the city , Aylestone springs to mind .

Where I live the traffic since the building of Whitecross School has become worse especially early am and mid afternoon , congestion in both directions, cars parked stupidly and then speeding because drivers are fed up of sitting in traffic. I have already taken this matter further ,. Another possible 500 vehicles (350 houses at least 1 car each) on a network of roads that were not built for this .

What is a Park & Choose ? what does that bring to the development ? There was ample opportunity to build a park & ride at The point development to stop cars going into town , why is this now a selling point for the development ?

The schools Whitecross and Trinity are at capacity where are the extra children going to go ?

The local surgeries and hospital are struggling now and the extra people will not help the situation.

There is a housing estate that was being built to help people get on the housing ladder across Roman road , the site has been abandoned for at least 12 months the building s are falling apart , this is where housing needs to be directed , get these finished and provide reasonably priced affordable mixed housing , flats, apartments, 1 2 & 3 bed houses for local people.

Where are the people and jobs to fill this proposed development ? The Point on Holmer road isn't finished yet and there is always an offer on as most ordinary people cannot get a deposit together and obtain mortgage as their rental take all the finances , it Is a vicious cycle. Hereford needs more big employers so hang onto Avro and Heineken and affordable housing , built where there is spare land there are many pockets much nearer the city centre that could be used .

Finally this is a very special area, the residents this side of the city do not have a country park such as Belmont and Aylestone this is our space and its an SSI IF this development is allowed to proceed it will be lost forever we should be conserving and enhancing the landscape .

Please consider the residents of Hereford now and in the future and leave something special for future generations

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Infrastructure from section 106 to consider: In reply to this - what the city needs is at least 1 river crossing together with enhanced road links and the re think of traffic lights, often when they are out traffic flows better . A bypass isn't the answer! when the schools are closed the inner city traffic is minimal , divert the large lorries away from the city centre - those from the local quarries do not want or need to trundle trough the city to Ross/Ledbury and the Motorway

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