

Dear Sir,

We are writing to you regarding the proposed development and our concerns as existing residents. We feel strongly that not enough consideration has been given to the existing residents regarding the positioning of the development.

The present plan appears to develop the land directly behind the Abingdon Road properties; this will have a double negative impact on our view and the value of our property. We feel that the houses would have less impact if they were situated at the proposed entrance to the plot where there are less houses that could be overlooked. There doesn't appear to be any consideration for green spaces in between the existing houses and the new houses as there is with the other two proposed sites; this is of major concern to us.

All homeowners have paid a premium to live in this particular area with an open field aspect, we now learn that this proposed development could de-value each property by £20-30,000. There are a vast number of properties that enjoy an open field aspect in our village, that is what gives it its character and appeal, and indeed why many people prefer to live out of town. It is important that we preserve the character of our village and build larger estates in our towns and cities.

Consideration needs to be given to a idea of a new larger development out of town i.e on the proposed reservoir site, where a substantial number of new properties could be built.

There appears to little though given to the increase in traffic flow, pollution and the strain on the existing village services i.e the school, if these developments go ahead. The B4017 seems ill-equipped at present with the current traffic flow, let alone the huge strain with this and the new development toward South Abingdon.

Greater consideration for existing residents, our environment and our current traffic situation is required before these developments go ahead. And whilst we understand the need for more housing and the pressures from local government, we must stress the need for rural village life to be preserved.

Kind Regards,

Neil and Julie Brown