

Dear David and the team

Congratulations on a thorough well presented plan. I believe that the plans for the Manor farm site to develop this as a real village centre will be a huge asset and I hope that this can move ahead rapidly.

Two key questions remain for me to understand despite the considerable amount of work that has been undertaken.

Firstly, until numbers of houses are defined then much of the process will not add value. Clearly we need to know how many houses Drayton will be required to accommodate so a true assessment can be made on the overall impact on the critical factors that the plan has identified. In addition I would suggest that without having an understanding of how many houses could be built in each of the assessed development areas we cannot have a true understanding of the impact on any of the 6 factors in each specified location. You mention in section 113 that there has not been any cooperation in development plan with adjacent areas (a point i did raise last year), This adds to the confused picture on numbers of houses that are needed and makes any assessment of impact extremely difficult. I believe that it is essential to provide details on the minimum and maximum number of dwellings in on each site and assess the sites on these numbers. It would also set some parameters for any future decision making.

Secondly, it is not clear to me how any development in Drayton can be influenced by the community after the NDP has been approved. Does the plan then have to be adhered to? What rights of review will be available over and above the current planning input that the Parish Council has? I appreciate that gaining guarantees from the VWHDC will be enormously challenging although to realise the potential of the work that has been carried out there must be recognition of the plan through future decision making.

For your information I have been contacted by VWHDC assessing my interest in selling my property in relation to the development of what they have termed site 21 which is the Savils site south of the High St. I know that the same letter has also been sent to Pond Cottage next door. This strikes me as concerning. There does not seem to be any recognition of the NDP process and this particular situation seems to work entirely in contradiction to maintaing the heritage of the village.

I look forward to hearing from you

Best regards

Rob