

Dear Sir,

Whilst I appreciate the need for more houses around Leicestershire, I am very disappointed with Melton's usual response, Oh put them in Bottesford! It is lazy thinking. The usual default position. Which other sites have been investigated? Bottesford has evolved over the years from a small village, the roads being suitable for the traffic and people then. Now the traffic flow in the village is horrendous. When the schools come out it is very difficult to cross the high street. What with cars, busses, pedestrians, buggies and children you should come and look some time. The population is ageing, elderly people often move here to be with their children and need their cars to shop, visit the doctors etc. The increasing pressure on schools; doctors; shops would become intolerable. The middle of the village cannot be enlarged.

Then there are the sites you have identified without paying due regard to flooding possibilities, and egress on to the main roads. We are expected to be placated with promises from developers about how much they are going to do for us, in return for being granted the right to build in Bottesford. I haven't heard what Barratts have done perhaps someone will be good enough to tell me.

Finally, whilst I am not opposed to any development it has to be far fewer than you proposed and the right mix of houses so that young people get a chance, not all 4 to 5 bedrooms making a lot of money for the developers and ruining our village by turning it into a town by adding on very modern houses all around the outskirts of the village. And you can say "problem solved".

Yours faithfully,

Diana and Anthony Taffs,

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