

15 DEC 2016

Draft Local Plan & Site SOM 2 MBC/023/16

Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to inform you of my objection to the proposal to include the site SOM 2 MBC/023/16 as potential for the development of 42 houses.

- Somerby has been incorrectly identified as a 'service centre'. How do you arrive at you figures? Whilst we have a village shop that you can only use it for odds and ends you are unable to do a weekly food shop, the primary school is close to capacity, we do not have a viable High Street to cope with the amount of extra traffic at the moment, 42 houses plus three other sites (potentially another 70 plus houses) would inevitably bring chaos.
- The access to this site is likely to cause problems, it would be close to a sharp bend and the junction to Newbold Lane.
- The proposed sites all have grade two agricultural soil that should not be used for building.
- Any new build homes will be commuter households adding to congestion of the high street and to the routes leading in to Melton Mowbray
- Some properties on the High St and Church Lane do not have their own parking facility and therefore, have to park on the High St. Most of them were built before the motor car even existed. Double yellow lines would be grossly unfair to these properties and possibly make them unsellable.
- We have a local bus company, a successful riding school which includes riding for the disabled. We have several villagers whom are employed to care for horses plus many private owners of horses. We have a lot of agricultural vehicles. Substantial amount of through traffic from Leicester to visit Gates Garden Centre. They all need access to the High St. I can assure you that when tractor meets bus on the corner where the village shop is the village becomes gridlocked!!!
- A prime example of the problems on the High St as it stands at the moment was experienced by myself last Tuesday (6th) Dec at approx. 2pm. I witnessed the 113 bus drive onto the pavement, **ALONGSIDE THE SCHOOL!!!** Followed by a large truck with a trailer who did exactly the same.
- Somerby School does not have any parking or its own green space. It is a listed building and would not be easy to extend or adapt for modern teaching requirements. More school run cars will make the High St even more chaotic.
- The Stilton Cheese has no pavement and is directly on the High St. There are also several properties that are only a pavements width from the road.

- Why do so many other villages not have any allocated sites? What about Twyford for example, that has a main 'B' road running through and alongside it?
- Why is the Parish of Somerby not looking at other villages within the Parish? Further housing there could assist them to become sustainable.
- What about the access to the Jubilee Way and the Leicestershire Round?
- Where are all these people likely to gain employment? Not Burrough Court or John O Gaunt – hardly the industrial centre or rural Melton Mowbray. In all likelihood they will have to commute, how is that going to reduce our carbon footprint?
- What about the protection of the environment and all the wildlife and nesting birds

Yours sincerely

Mr C M Crankshaw

Council
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