

Appeal APP/U1240/W/17/3169111

Statement by Cllr Gina Logan -

I'm here as the Ward Member for Alderholt and also representing Alderholt Parish Council, and support the Local Planning Authority's position in its objections to the applications. I also concur with the statements and arguments put forward by the residents here this morning. Having listened to the evidence so far in this Inquiry, I wish to add the following comments:

With reference to the proposed pedestrian access to the Amanda Harris Recreation ground which is specifically used as a play area by the children of Alderholt, the appellant has made no separate approach to Alderholt Parish Council regarding this issue. Such an opening in its boundary may well require a tarmac path bisecting the well used kick about area, raise issues of safeguarding, and result in a probable increase in dog mess, which in this section of the open space the Parish Council endeavours to limit. All these factors will result in a loss of amenity, and anticipated associated lighting will also impinge upon neighbouring residents. For the appellant to secure access onto this privately owned land negotiations would have to be held with the Parish Council.

The development is unsustainable in not meeting the 3 pillars of the NPPF namely social, economic and environmental. I don't see how the additional residents will be spending £2million in Alderholt per year as the appellant claims in their opening submission para 25 - we only have the Co-Op store with PO, the pub, Sports & Social Club and a few small businesses.

All residents will be travelling out and back into the village using cars along narrow twisting lanes unsuitable for increased traffic and they don't provide safe walking or cycle routes. We have in the last 3 weeks learnt that our only bus service the 97 having lost its ability to take members of the public on the morning and afternoon school runs - due to re-tendering, is now to terminate at the end of this year. This bus is our gateway to the world by connecting to the x3 Salisbury - Bournemouth service one can get to rail links and at Ringwood the national bus service to Heathrow! But more importantly without this service access outside the village for the elderly, young and vulnerable is impossible, resulting in isolation, loneliness and a much reduced quality of life, thereby not fulfilling the social role. Increased development within the village without retaining at least the current facilities and services is unsustainable.

Should the Inspector be minded to allow this appeal then Alderholt Parish Council requests that under the CIL/106s agreements a minimum amount of £25k is made available annually for a minimum number of years (4) to ensure the daily continuation of our 97 Bus.

A major safety issue of a lack of lighted footpath between the site and Earlswood Drive junction has already been mentioned, but again should the appeal be allowed, this requirement should/must be conditioned.

Also request there's a condition regarding a Construction Management Plan.