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To: Ben Sandover; Devcon Mailbox
Subject: Planning Application 06/2018/0711 -Land South of Whittingham Lane, Grimsargh

Hi Ben

Grimsargh Parish Council considered the above Planning Application at their meeting held on 6 September 2018. They unanimously agreed to object to the Planning Application on reasons of sustainability and connectivity, further detailed information on this is listed below.

First of all for clarity the applicant states in their Planning Statement section 3.2.1 that they had received positive feedback from the Parish Council. I can advise that this is not the case. The Parish Council agreed to meet with the applicants agents/representatives and have a discussion about their proposals. This meeting took place on Thursday 5 July after they had submitted their Planning Application and it was a discussion about their proposals and also feedback from their online survey. The Parish Council could not give any opinion on the application at that meeting as it was not a constituted Parish Council meeting.

Although the Parish Council are aware that this application is for outline only, they have a number of concerns. There is a lack of footways/footpaths throughout the development. In Grimsargh we have two areas that have no footpaths namely The Hills and also Salisbury Avenue on the Redrow Estate. Both of these have caused issues for pedestrians as the lack of footpaths mean that pedestrians have to walk in the road and it is an issue especially for those who are less abled and those who are pushing prams etc - this was highlighted in our recent Neighbourhood Planning questionnaire when concern about these issues were raised with us. The Parish Council therefore feel very strongly that there should be 2 metre wide footpaths with lighting and this is also mentioned by Lancashire County Council in their response. These footpaths should be throughout the development and also continued onto Cow Hill and Whittingham Lane to not only provide connectivity but to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

The Parish Council does have concern about traffic and congestion in Grimsargh. Although Lancashire County Council do not object to the application, the increase in traffic is becoming a very serious issue. A number of developments have recently been approved not only in Grimsargh but in the adjoining area in Longridge. Currently Grimsargh is gridlocked during key parts of the day and the traffic backs up from Skew Bridge to Red Scar and also through the village from Longridge to Preston. The Parish Council have major concerns that if there was an emergency in the area then those vital services would not be able to get through the traffic.

Although the plan provided with the outline application is only indicative at this stage, the Parish Council as mentioned earlier has recently carried out a detailed consultation as part of their proposed Neighbourhood Plan. There was overwhelming support for smaller affordable homes and bungalows and little support for large 4/5 bedroomed executive homes. The indicative plan supports larger homes that are not needed in Grimsargh.

I hope that you can take these comments into account when considering this Planning Application.

Kind regards

Sue

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