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19/03416/OUT

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Dear Sir

Planning Application 19/03416/OUT

Land at Manor Farm, Combe Hill, Templecombe, Somerset

Please find a list of points why we strongly object to the proposed housing.

1. The proposed site has a great historical significance to the history of Templecombe, specifically the medieval templars settlement that resided there. A full survey and investigation of the site has NOT been done. We could be losing a very important and significant site in the history of the Blackmore Vale, which has a great significance to the area, all for the sake of the farmer trying to make a fast buck!
2. The housing already allocated to this 'Urban Settlement' (NOT village) has, we believe, succeeded allocation of new builds if all the proposed sites went ahead. Therefore why do we need to build another 80 properties?
3. Our sewage / fresh water system in the village, which I'm sure if you consult with Wessex Water would agree is and has been regularly patched up, only masking what will inevitably become even more exasperated by adding further properties to the decaying and outdated system.
4. As a parent who has been in daily contact with the Abbas and Templecombe Primary School for most of the last thirteen years and watched funding decline over the years, whilst pupil numbers rose, we cannot fathom where the extra pupils are going to be accommodated or funded from?
5. We are incredibly lucky to be on a main train line in Templecombe. However due to sight problems I am solely reliant on public transport including our part-time bus service to access work opportunities outwith Templecombe. I can confirm that these services are both unreliable, expensive and debilitating in locating appropriate employment opportunities that works which means that the proposed new residents will have no option but to drive to employment outwith Templecombe thus adding even more cars to the High Street with NO safety of pavements and NO regard to the 20 mile an hour speed limit as it is. Infact, the current traffic calming only exasperates the car speeds as people try and race through the calming to beat oncoming traffic so making walking on the High Street even more unsafe for pedestrians. Accessing the little services we do have - school, churches, café, and so called Co-op we are patiently awaiting.

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This leads to these very serious road safety questions -

- How are the new residents supposed to get their children to school safely?
- Is allowing more cars to use the High Street at peak school opening and closing times safe?
- Where will the extra parents park at school? When the said area is already at bursting point and potentially a congested danger?

Thank you for taking the time to read our concerns

Yours sincerely

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G & G Scott