

Sent: 11 March 2016 10:08
To: AdminBlandfordForum-TC
Subject: Land North-East of Blandford Forum -

Good Morning,

I am writing in connection with the proposal to develop land lying north and east of the A350/A354.

In my view this should not be allowed as.....

1. It is a further intrusion into the countryside around the town. Surely there is other land south of the A350, on the west side of the town, which could be used for residential purposes?
2. The A350/A354 are already very busy roads and in my view to install traffic lights at the Salisbury Road Gateway would lead to queues becoming a feature even during the day.
3. If the 'Estate' is built off the A354 then the proposed roundabout/pedestrian and cycle crossing would also hinder the free flow of traffic around the town.
4. If the A354 was closed for any reason between the current Salisbury Road and Wimborne Road roundabouts then how would the residents of the new estate reach or leave their homes? Another vehicle access is a must and it should only come via Black Lane as an entrance off the A354 (Pimperne Road) could/would only make matters worse. Even without closure of the road, residents would have great difficulty at times in the summer and around the Dorset Steam Fair event in getting into and out of their homes.
5. It is all very well encouraging people to cycle and walk, but on cold/windy/wet days mothers with children will in all probability resort to using their cars as you cant stipulate that they cannot use them. More traffic on the road(s).
6. Mention is made of buses into the new Estate - with subsidies disappearing how certain can one be that there will in fact be a bus service if building goes ahead.
7. Slowing traffic going around the by-pass will inevitable lead people to try and find a 'rat-run', which will get them across town more quickly.
8. Many tenants of the allotments have been in situ since the area was first developed. If they are to move to another plot, then it should be available in a useable/acceptable state at least three months before they have to give up their existing plot so that scrubs etc can be moved across e.g. new plot available 30th Sept'; old plot to be relinquished by 31st Dec'.
9. Besides entrance to the school it is said the former allotment area will provided opportunities for community, retail and employment uses. All could add traffic to an already busy area.

Yours a concerned resident.