



Pre-Submission Plan Consultation Comment Slip
Consultation Period 12th February – 31st March 2016

Comments:

PROs

New primary school (which according to the Savills rep is an existing requirement & not due to the new development).

What is the catchment area for this new school?

Developer contribution (or is that the school?) What part of it will NDDC/CC let the town keep??

CONs

Savills rep talked about moving the allotments (best of luck with that), building houses there & the new school beyond the current allotment i.e. between the houses & the industrial area? This would cause increased vehicular & pedestrian (maybe - the Savills rep seemed to think that people would walk; if only that were so!) traffic through the 'new' housing estate & through the Persimmons development to gain access to the yellow bridge (the roads & pathways on this estate are barely wide enough for the existing traffic & bus route: any more would cause excessive congestion for the people living on this estate). Would it not be better to position the school where the current allotments are & save all the school generated traffic (cars, buses & people) travelling through two housing estates?

The new housing on the NE side of the by-pass has proposed pedestrian/cyclist routes through an existing housing scheme (Pretz Way): the pathways/roads were not designed for such an increased 'traffic' flow & the people living there certainly didn't choose to do so to have this thrust upon them.

The proposed housing is over two parishes (Blandford Forum & Pimperne): as we all know Pimperne has a much lower precept but the houses will, to all intents & purposes, be part of Blandford Forum! So will the Pimperne part pay Blandford rates or will there be a 'feud' over the rates??

Is it another instant of the other parishes having the benefits of a town without paying into it (see below re developer contribution)?

Can the Blandford infrastructure (water, sewage, gas, electric, WIFI, doctors, education, fire, police, waste transfer etc support all these houses (see also additional developments below)?

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The traffic light development at the Salisbury Rd/Bypass junction: the Savills rep said that priority at this junction will be to the Bypass traffic. It seems to me that a lot of traffic generated will probably be on Salisbury road (especially from Blandford) causing additional delays for the people of Blandford.

Roads/Parking.

Currently the roads in & around Blandford are in an atrocious state of repair (& that's being kind)! This increased traffic flow will only make things worse (see below).

The parking problems in & around Blandford are as bad as the roads: the excessive parking charges are causing people to park on the roads. Bad parking & double parking are common occurrences around the town centre & surrounding streets. It is absolutely ridiculous, especially in areas where lorries and buses have to travel (NB Jubilee Way is full! Some while ago the County Council were going to put a 2hr waiting restriction along Jubilee but 'ran out of money'!!! Have they still 'run out of money' or just conveniently 'forgotten'??). Blue badge holders are as bad in that they seem to think the badge is a licence to park anywhere (outside schools/hospitals/bus stops). It has not helped that the police de-criminalised parking (except for the zig-zag lines at traffic lights) & the traffic-warden/s only seems to concentrate on the centre of Blandford. Drivers do not seem to care where they park because they know there is very little chance of their parking being monitored. The above is happening now! It will only get worse with the new houses being built. [I know it is not part of this proposal but the road/parking issues are going to get a lot worse if/when the other building programs on the outskirts of Blandford (Hall & Woodhouse, Blandford St Mary & Bryanston (Crown Meadows) & of course when the old Blandford Primary School site is populated.] I would have thought that the issues of road state & parking need addressing before any more houses in & around Blandford Forum are built. I know that the CC/NDDC have housing targets but the infrastructure has to be in place to support the housing before they are built! Developers need to be less greedy & design housing developments with wider roads & pathways & more off road parking.

So, as I see it the people of Blandford get all the hassle of lots of houses being built just on the outside of the town with very little direct benefit to the town or to Blandfordians. I don't know what/how much developer contribution will come to the town but I suspect (although I'm sure our Town Council will be fighting for what they should/can get) not a lot.

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