

FoDDC Draft Local Plan – Response Guide

Response deadline: NO LATER THAN 19 AUGUST 2024

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You may find the below points useful when writing your response to the draft local plan. Please note that this should be considered a guide only and is not a comprehensive list.

- The scale of the ‘development’ is disproportionate compared to the size of the village; 30 houses would represent a c. 15% increase in size to the existing settlement of about 200 houses.
- Access: there is no indication on the draft plan as to how site traffic will access the site and it is likely this will cause significant disruption to residents and users of the A48. There are no clear and obvious access points to the site in question.
- Chapel Hill is a single lane in some places and does not have the capacity to deal with the additional c. 60 vehicles the development could bring, particularly with the parking issues it is currently also experiencing.
- Changes to the existing settlement boundary and it would represent an end to the historic linear character of the village.
- Conservation area: the impact on the conservation area must be considered when determining developments such as these.
- School capacity: the village school is already at capacity, with no spaces for the additional children 30 homes would no doubt bring to the village. Surrounding schools are also at capacity.
- Drainage/increased flood risk: as an area already at significant risk of flooding, building on this area will potentially further increase and put existing residents at further risk.
- Lack of facilities: the village has no doctors’ surgeries, dentists, shops etc. Taurus Crafts is a tourist attraction, not a shop for daily essentials.
- Environmental impact: the loss of mature trees from the site and the whole site as a wildlife corridor.
- The cycle route identified in the Sustainability Appraisal as a positive feature is not connected to the development site and there is no cycle route through the village itself.
- Unsustainable by FoDDC own measuring system, e.g not within walking distance of shops/facilities, inadequate cycle route, increased pollution & congestion/parking, damage to medieval village with several listed buildings and The Cross Pub.
- Offer other potential options/sites.