

APPLICATION: 16/00758/FUL Land Adj. 121 Station Road, Bagworth

The Parish Council on behalf of the residents it represents, will be strongly opposing this application on the grounds of parking and sustainability, when it comes before the Planning Committee meeting on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council, and that the area to be developed includes land with established usage and rights of way. We are led to believe that this application will be presented to the Planning Committee with a recommendation to approve.

The proposal does not provide for parking to the national standard and inevitably there will be overspill parking on Station Road. The Parish Council's traffic data suggests a far higher use of Station Road than that supplied by LCC Highways Department. The Parish Council and other parties including a significant number of residents in existing adjoining properties, have for many decades "enjoyed" rights of way for vehicular access and parking. The current proposal reduces the width of the access to the sports field lane by 2m.

There are two long distance footpath routes along the existing roadway and the proposal by LCC's Footpaths Officer provides for an actual footpath with raised kerbs on either side, thus restricting vehicular access to the Public Playing Field [QEII] car park, Bagworth Clay Pigeon Club (which has deliveries from articulated lorries) and Bagworth New Wood – part agricultural land. There are no such footpath currently and it makes no sense to reduce the road width to provide such a path when one is also being installed on the development side. The wider part of the existing roadway nearest to Station Road is used for resident parking, the proposal will do away with this facility and inevitably your parking will have to be moved to either the rear of the properties or Station Road.

The Parish Council will again be asking for this application to be rejected. Failing rejection, we will ask for favourable consideration to changes to the current format, such as the existing metal road to remain as is, and access to be via Maynard Close thus benefiting from existing traffic management provisions – the roundabout – and reducing the number of dwellings to permit at least two car parking spaces per unit.

On sustainability, Bagworth has been subjected to disproportioned residential development with little or no provision for local services. Apart from the Community Centre, small shop and a Working Men's Club there are no facilities for education and health. The Parish Precept is comparatively high, and this only provides for basic and minimum local services. There are no luxuries. The Parish Council is facing increased costs for providing additional dwellings with basic services and existing residents are being unduly burdened with no benefit of having any health and education without the need for travel.

If you agree with the Parish Councils objection to this application, and are able, please attend the Planning Committee meeting at Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council on the 22nd January 2019, which starts at 6.30pm and make your voice heard.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Clerk.