

PLANNING MATTERS

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR 377 HOMES TO THE WEST OF THE M1 OFF LITTLE LINFORD LANE IN LITTLE LINFORD

Submitted to MK Planning in August 2017

The MK Planning case officer for this application, Ms Chenge Taruvinga, is currently writing her report on whether to recommend rejection or acceptance. This should be completed in the next week or so and is then likely to be presented to the MK Council's Development Control Committee [DCC] for their decision.

There has been widespread opposition to the application from local residents as well as from MK Highways and their traffic consultants, Stirling Maynard Transportation [SMT], who state that the application is unacceptable and should be refused. In addition, Haversham-cum-Little Linford Parish Council, Great Linford Parish Council, and Newport Pagnell Town Council have also strongly objected. The increase in traffic, estimated at up to 2,000 extra vehicle movements per day, would cause unmitigated gridlock especially as there will only be one point of entry and departure – situated in Little Linford Lane - for all vehicles and all pedestrians. There is also the problem of flooding in Little Linford Lane which occurs two to three times a year and results in the lane being closed (this last happened in April with closure for three days). In short, the development is considered completely unsustainable.

The site for these 377 homes is not part of the Local Plan nor Plan:MK and is classified as open countryside which should not be used for housing. In 2004 a Planning Inspector refused to allow this site to be included in the Local Plan on the grounds that it was part of the Ouse valley area of attractive landscape and a natural boundary for the north of Milton Keynes and should, therefore, not be developed. There was a similar refusal in 1992 by the then Secretary of State for the Environment. The rejection by a Planning Inspector in March 2018 of an appeal by Templeview Developments to build homes in the Linford Lakes area which is also part of the Ouse valley further reinforces this position.

We await Ms Taruvinga's recommendation.

PLANNING APPLICATION FOR TWO HOMES TO THE REAR OF THE GREYHOUND PUB

the original application was turned down by Milton Keynes Council and the applicant then went to appeal. The date for final submissions to the Planning Inspector was August 20th. We are told that there is no decision yet and that there may be some delay before the outcome is known.