FAO Mr Brian Taylor,

Dear Sir,

I understand that there is a new application to build 1000 houses in the Patterdown area of Chippenham.

I have concerns with this proposal as I believe that there are far more suitable areas in Chippenham to build these dwellings. While I accept public transport links could be improved to enable better access to the centre of Chippenham, building houses in Patterdown appears to be at odds with the Wiltshire Council environmental aims to cut pollution; surely, dwellings situated closer to the main shopping areas would be more in line with the Council's objectives to reduce carbon emissions. Likewise, even if public transport links were improved the reality of life is that most people would choose to use a motor vehicle; with such a dire shortage of parking in Chippenham any additional residents of Patterdown would be far more inclined to drive further out of town, once more working against the Council's desire to cut down on carbon emissions.

A further concern of mine is whether it is sensible to build the dwellings on a known flood plane; additionally, with a substantial amount of slate/Tarmac/concrete preventing the rain water from being absorbed in to the land naturally, what would the further impact be in the current flood plane and the dwellings in the vicinity and down-stream? The fields from Lacock to Beanacre already suffer greatly from flooding and this planned build will only exacerbate the situation, adversely effecting the farming community.

Lastly, I understand employment development needs to precede any housing; if this planned housing development were to go ahead before the employment development would it not be in direct contravention of the Council's own Core Strategy?

I welcome your views on my stated concerns.

Kind regards

Jon Hough

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