

	Online Comments
Application No:	18/08304/FUL
Comments:	<p>Firstly, let it be noted that in principle that Collingbourne Ducis Parish Council does not object to housing per se, but taking the application as a whole, the Council has voted to object on the following grounds:</p> <p>Strength of local feeling:</p> <p>22 residents of Saxon Rise & Riverbourne Road attended an Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council (EMPC) to voice their opinions</p> <p>Possible loss of Parking Facilities:</p> <p>One of the main reasons that the application to develop the garage area in this area of Saxon Rise was refused in January 2016 (15/11936/FUL) was related to parking. Parking is at a premium in the area and the wish of the council, would be - at minimum - to maintain the status quo in terms of number of spaces. While it is accepted that the application changes the configuration of parking spaces, there is opportunity to add a further two in a gap showing on the plans. It is understood that this 'gap' is related to a linked outline application (18/08305/OUT), wherein further development is proposed behind West Farm Close. Failure to mitigate the loss of parking through this application will contribute to additional parking on the public highway (Cadley Road).</p> <p>Loss of green space:</p> <p>This was another main reason for refusal of the previous plans (15/11936/FUL). It is alleged by Aster that the current green spaces around the play area host anti-social behaviour and litter but this was strongly refuted by the attendees of the meeting.</p> <p>Child Safety:</p> <p>Linked to the number of parking spaces and loss of green space around the play area, it was felt that the new configuration would leave the play area isolated with an increased danger to children when crossing the road and walking through so many cars to get there.</p> <p>Also linked to the parking issue, the likelihood of increased parking on the corners of Saxon Rise, on the grass verge and on Cadley Road itself all prejudice the safety of road users, both cars and pedestrians.</p> <p>Lack of appropriate communications:</p> <p>Based on information passed to us at the EMPC, it seems that residents of Riverbourne Rise did not receive letters from Wiltshire Council informing them of the plans. Similarly, individuals who rented garages were not informed and, it's alleged, people phoning to enquire about a) availability and b) prices of garages were told different (and conflicting) information by different Astor Housing representatives.</p> <p>It is also for these reasons that it has been decided to request that our local Wiltshire Councillor (Ian Blair-Pilling) "call in" the application for further debate by the Wiltshire Council Planning Committee.</p>

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