

COSSINGTON PARISH COUNCIL
9 BENNETTS LANE, COSSINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE. LE7 4UP

Chairman – Mrs P Weston-Webb
Clerk to the Council – Emma Crowe

23rd April 2021

Denise Knipe (Planning Officer)
Charnwood Borough Council
Southfield Road
Loughborough
LE11 2TX

Dear Denise

Planning Application: P/21/0491/2

The Parish Council strongly object to this planning application with the following comments:

We are very concerned that the estate road would be coming out on the sharp corner of Cossington Road. Also how small the area of separation between the villages is.

Main Street and Cossington Road is already a very congested road. This road will see increased traffic from the new Sibley developments and extra housing on the proposed site will add even more. Also, additional traffic would be dangerous to school children and parents walking to and from school.

There are a number of cars on Main Street who have to back on or off their drives because they do not have turning space and there are a number who do not have drives. To pull out into the traffic on Main Street can take over five minutes because of the flow of traffic and we are still in lockdown so it will get worse and we could expect about 260 cars from the development.

We had major flooding in the village in October 2019 and again in February 2020 where rainwater was running off the proposed building sites flooding the land of the properties further into the village. During the time of flooding the access to the proposed development would be completely cut off. How do you expect the development to be accessed during these periods? We are now under Section 19 investigation.

Cossington is an old village dating back to the Domesday book. We have 19 listed buildings within the village. Our church was 800 years old last year. A development of such scale would therefore spoil the character of the village?

The Primary school in the village cannot currently accommodate the children in the village. Also, there are no doctors in the village and nearby surgeries are at full capacity.

With regards to Section 106 the village will require the following facilities with any size development; Traffic calming and bypass to roundabout at Charnwood Edge, flood alleviation, new School, fencing around any development, Community Centre, Doctors surgery, Post Office and store, Dentist, Police station, train station, nursery facilities.

We as a Parish Council are concerned that current residents cannot get planning permission to infill with houses on their own land yet people who do not actually live in the village can build over 100 houses. This does not seem fair or ethical.

In summary, the potential proposed number of houses compared to the size of the existing village is much too high. Taking into account the issues we already have with flooding, traffic flow, dangerous parking (during the school run period) and speeding, the additional traffic flows would cause severe additional problems. We do not have the road infrastructure (some parts single track), or the ability to create an acceptable infrastructure, to cope with any additional traffic, whether generated from the village or additional throughput.

With regards

Emma

Emma Crowe

Cossington Parish Council Clerk

Written on behalf of Cossington Parish Council