

June 2024

# Dumbleton Conservation Society Newsletter

## STOP THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOLDEN HAY FIELD

Planning Application no: 23/00569/FUL 12<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Villager,

After several objections have been raised Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) has formally notified SOME of the neighboring properties of the new/revised planning application. TBC continues to fail in its duty to inform all neighboring properties and the applicant continues to materially mislead the planning process with partial and incorrect information.

However, it means we now have an end date for the consultation, 21 days from 11<sup>th</sup> June. So, if you have not yet made any comments on the application you now have more time.



**Please submit any comments by 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

SCAN this QR code to access the application on the planning portal.

Please send objections by email to:

[development.applications@teWKesbury.gov.uk](mailto:development.applications@teWKesbury.gov.uk) and [clerk@dumbleton-parish-council.org.uk](mailto:clerk@dumbleton-parish-council.org.uk).

**Remember this could prove to be the start of a total erosion of the character and beauty of the village, a loss of heritage and a major step towards an Alderton or Bishop's Cleeve scenario where the village is subsumed and lost forever!**

We strongly encourage you to protect our village and its heritage by objecting to this planning application - **AGAIN**. The number of objections DOES make a difference and we need to raise the bar to ensure TBC Planning Department has a clear message from villagers. Please treat this as a **new application and make all your comments AGAIN**, as previous objections may be determined invalid.

### Some of the concerns you may want to include in an objection:

- Dumbleton has a very low score for services and facilities (no shop, school or children's play area, and limited bus service) so cannot support the proposed number of houses. With the school closure this is reduced even further to just 5 out of 48.
- The location is unsuitable for affordable housing owing to the absence of services.
- There is still no up to date evidence of a clear need for the proposed volume of Affordable and Social Housing.
- The layout of the development subdivides the area and is in breach of policy.
- The design of the houses is poor and out of keeping with the character of the village and the surrounding houses or the Cotswold National Landscape, and there will inevitably be noise and light pollution and loss of biodiversity.
- Gloucester County Highways have expressed concern on the grounds of highway safety. The village has a score of 0 out of 15 for accessibility. The development includes parking for 32 cars plus 9 garages and, with extra and large delivery and refuse vehicles, will create a significant increase in traffic within the village. The section of Main Street around the field is single lane highway and cannot be extended due to protected features and will be a significant safety hazard.
- High archaeological interest (a recent survey, commissioned by the promoter suggests a possible Roman villa on site).
- Significant ecological impact, with loss of biodiversity, including on bats (a recent independent survey of the site recorded 11 of 17 UK Bat species that are ALL protected and suggests the open ground and greenfield sites around the village are vital for foraging), and possibly other legally protected species such as newts and hedgehogs.

**It is time for our voices to be heard!**