

Part B - Commenting on the Village Housing Options

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What is the nature of your representation?

Support

Object

Please set out full details of your representation of support or objection. If objecting, please set out what changes could be made to resolve your objection (Use a separate sheet if necessary).

I object to the proposal of converting the allotments into a housing development my argument against the housing development on Allotment Site (1) as outlined below:

The planned development would mean the loss of an important and unique facility for horticultural and leisure users in our village.

It would place additional burden on the local infrastructure, and change the character of the area for existing residents.

It will have a detrimental effect on wildlife – namely bats roosting on the site, birds, bees, badgers

Cultivating an allotment is not a hobby that can be picked up and dropped. Gardeners invest labour, time and money. It takes years to get the soil into good working condition, to establish permanent crops such as rhubarb and asparagus beds, and for trees to mature.

An established allotment is manageable and rewarding, but starting again is soul-destroying. When it's gone, it's gone. It is regrettable that the council and developers can't be relied upon to work around allotments with imagination - there is always an alternative before choosing the option of destroying what could not be replaced.

Allotment gardening is an activity which is associated with increased neighbourhood attachment, it is accessible regardless of income, education, ethnic background and age and supports social interaction with family, friends and neighbours.

Green exercise leads to positive short and long-term health benefits, inducing feelings of relaxation and reducing stress, stimulating physical activity and facilitating social contact and social capital.

The development of allotments is an innovative approach to community engagement and provides a broad range of benefits to the community and the environment. The development of housing and loss of this (only) facility in the area will have a very detrimental impact on those participating in the allotment activity, on the community they live in and in the long run will have a negative impact on overall health (and mental health) and additional cost for the local council.

The housing could be restricted to Preferred Options 2 and 4 which would save the existing mature allotment site.

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