

Agenda -- Tisbury Railway Land development

Present Councillors Phillips (ch) , Barr, Havard, Horne, Mallia, Hobbs, Homer.

After discussion Fovant PC voted tonight to join with Swallowcliffe and Ansty PCs in the statement drafted by Tim Martin (Ansty PC) ,

Joint Statement *“The " Access to Tisbury Group" represents residents in the areas surrounding Tisbury seriously concerned about the adverse environmental and human impacts due to further significant increases in traffic arising from more development in Tisbury. We are supportive of Tisbury with many of our residents actively involved in the Tisbury community, but we do not believe significant further development is needed for it to continue to thrive.*

Due to Tisbury not having main road access and being served solely by country lanes, much of the adverse impact from the significant housing development in Tisbury has fallen on the surrounding communities. Traffic numbers have substantially increased causing more congestion, conflicts at pinch points, noise intrusion, exhaust pollution and safety issues. The roads were not designed for large vehicle numbers, much being single lane, dwellings fronting directly onto the roads and typically no footpaths for pedestrian safety which is often exacerbated by poor sight lines.

We do not believe there is a case for large scale development. If more affordable housing is needed then this should be addressed as a specific issue on a local scale and not as a small spin out from major development. Tisbury has contributed significantly to the expansion of housing numbers, with just a small number of further dwellings needed before 2036, so this is not a driver for substantial development.

The Tisbury & West Tisbury Neighbourhood Development Plan to its credit recognises the importance of quality of life and our beautiful rural environment. Its stated vision is that "the rural area will change little. New development will respect natural beauty, landscape and biodiversity within the AONB whilst seeking to conserve its natural and historic assets".

The addition of 86 houses and a 70 bed nursing home in Tisbury will create a substantial increase in vehicle numbers coming into and out of Tisbury, not just from the new residents themselves, but also from the large numbers of staff that will be needed, the delivery vehicles bringing goods and supplies and the servicing vehicles needed to support the additional community. This will be hugely damaging to the areas surrounding Tisbury and for this reason the parties listed below object to large scale development on the Station Works site.

Please acknowledge this widespread concern and objection and reject any large scale development plans for this site.

The following Parish Councils & communities support this statement.....”

In so joining FPC applied the following caveat:

‘Fovant Parish Council understands that the joining with other Parish Councils into the ‘Access to Tisbury Group’ in no way affects the right of each Parish Council to interact as it thinks fit with residents, groups or organisations in its parish, or with the two Tisbury Parish Councils, or with its Unitary Councillor, or with the SWW Area Board and its committee CATG, or with the WC Highways officials.’

Leslie Brantingham
Clerk

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