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From: Marc Dorfman
Sent: 06 December 2018 19:09
To: Hilary Harris; Simon Fox; Planning
Subject: Re: Application 14/02554/OUT

Dear Mr and Mrs Harris, I note your objection and this will be reported to the Planning Cttee that considers the application in the new year. I will also put you objection on our web site - but without you personal details.

Dea Planning Admin, please put on web site and EDM - thanks

best wishes
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From: Hilary Harris
Date: 06/12/2018 5:58 pm (GMT+00:00)
To: Simon Fox <Simon.Fox@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk>
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Dear Mr. Fox

I write in relation to the above application, and as a farmer operating on land on both sides of the river adjacent to the application site. My land is down-river from the application site and it floods regularly.

I am totally against the proposal in that it has been clear from the recent documents placed on your own Council's website that the developer has not fully investigated details relating to the environmental, landscape and traffic implications. These remain as major flaws in the developer's case, and time is needed for the appropriate challenges to be made by the local Parish Council.

To be clear, it is understood that Abbey Manor Group themselves do not see the development as being 'viable' without huge compensating reductions in the normal facets of planning gain and affordable housing. Also, proposed green space on the site is nowhere near the 40% (as agreed by the Inspector at the past public enquiry) and at odds with SSDC's own landscape advisor's view.

In addition, and of most concern to me, is the completely unacceptable distortion of the risks in that the previous outbreaks of anthrax on the land have not been clearly spelt out to the authorities by Abbey Manor Group; the finding of their own consultants and the evidence of any realistic assessment is based on inadequate testing, and does not follow the appropriate guidelines regarding this. In planning terms, it is a requirement that, where there is contamination of a site, the testing and remediation of that site has to be carried out appropriately and only then can an application be determined. It seems that, in this case, SSDC

are more concerned with spurious housing targets than the health and safety of people in the area and the potential dwellers and constructors involved, should this development take place.

As far as those of us farming in the vicinity are concerned, the current wisdom on anthrax is that anthrax spores remain as viable organisms in the ground, and can migrate using simple cell creatures. It is therefore clear that the duty of care of SSDC is to ensure that this risk is fully and completely eradicated, or proved not to be a risk at all. Bearing in mind that the developer's interest is to spend as little money on this as possible, in the face of an already unviable development - and SSDC cannot be expected to do the required testing themselves - it would seem more sensible to remove this area of land from the Local Plan and find another 'willing landowner', of which there are several in the area whose land abuts the A37. Have these landowners been approached?

On a final note, the concerns of our own Dorset MP, Sir Oliver Letwin, chimes with all of the above issues and, until the whole question of anthrax is resolved in the greatest detail, it would be entirely inappropriate to make any decision relating to this development. If the risk assessments and the submissions of the Abbey Manor Group are not discounted in the face of the evidence from the local Parish Council, one has to ask whether SSDC are prepared to overlook the strong evidence put to them, and are oblivious to the risks to the health of the general population concerned.

I appeal to you to end this whole escalating situation and to put the public interest first.

Yours sincerely

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