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To: Development Plans

Subject: Martley développement plans

Dear Sirs / Madam

Having spent some time discussing the merits of the plan with its author some months ago I am disappointed that there are no or very little change to it especially as it was suggested, had the remit been to produce a positive plan the effort would have been so much more rewarding.

I remarked on the quantity of work undertaken by him and in the pause he breathed and said I just know I am to hear aBUT.

well the buts are pretty straight forward, they relate to ;

1) Although the title suggests 3 areas Martley, Doddenham and Knightwick the plan focuses almost entirely on Martley.

11) Although the title suggests a development plan it is in fact a non development plan. An excellent history and how to try to keep going as if time stands still. To that end not even the oldest of the latest development that has taken place in Martley is shown on the plan, therefore suggesting within the development areas there is still acres of land available for building which of course is simply not a true reflection of the facts.

111) I brought to the authors attention that the very wishes, facts and wants of the village back in the 1960s and 70s which gave homes to the people behind this development plan, was that the councillors then had the foresight to see embracing change, where younger families, both from a far and those of already residing local families would allow a spring period within the community where young can support the elders and in fact the reverse, friends can watch out for each other rather than the need to be sent to homes for the elderly. Shops and business can grow as new life and incomes sustain the the reducing autumn issues of today and tomorrow.

1V) I had hoped for mention of a new village / memorial hall, purpose built to encourage all the present activities and more, so much more, where small business start ups for locals, Geographic centre and visitor advice for the Teme Valley, visiting dentist, chiropody, hairdresser vets, larger doctors surgery where with all the recent and future technology such as X-rays, setting broken bones, and even day respite for the elderly/ infirm or just plain poorly in the community could be seen and more importantly be a part of the community. All this would bring in on going income ensuring a much brighter future, whilst at the same time dealing with the traffic and parking hazards.

V) No mention of getting to grips with the vacant office buildings and NO suggestion to entice small business to take up possession, bring in much needed work to the villages and saving these trading estates from falling into decline. No mention of possibly looking at plans or inviting proposals to move the centre of the village to a more practical lay out

V1) No mention of how we as a community look to address depression of those neighbours and villagers to whom not being able to mow the small area of grass around the flat of house can become so depressing causing so many other health issues.

V11) No mention of looking into acceptable ways of opening up the Millennial Green for greater access and use of the village.

I mention these points because I understood the purpose of this New Development Plan was to push the boundaries of possibility , engage and respond to public opinion , identify the needs of the future and then engage and consult with the wants to produce a true development plan It isn't the fact that the parish council don't do a wonderful job for us all , THEY DO , I and we are all so very gratefulBUT this is a plan for which the advise they have been given is incorrect and certainly not value for money by the guidance company in my opinion .

As mentioned before the plan before you is a plan of NO CHANGE which may be seen as NO PLAN AT ALL

I humbly suggest that this offering in its present guise is not accepted and not passed but rejected on the basis the requirement was to produce a future development plan for ALL 3 areas which this plan does not.

Yours respectfully

James Hyslop