

To whom it may concern

Please find attached Response Forms in connection with above Neighbourhood Plan

You will be aware that there is very little infrastructure in the village, poor public transport to Worcester, Malvern, surrounding villages, no cycle paths, many roads without pavements for safe walking and I presume limited space in the local primary school and I am therefore disappointed that further development is planned for the village

It is disappointing that the designated site is planned for prime agricultural land when Government policy does not appear to support this

I trust my views will be considered and I look forward to hearing from you with the next stages of this process

Kind regards
Julia Cranston

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Please state which part of the draft Neighbourhood Plan (i.e. which section, objective or policy) your representation refers to (please use a separate form for each representation):

Neighbourhood Plan Policies: Housing: Site Allocation – Policy LB/H/6

Please use the space below to make comments on this part of the Neighbourhood Plan.

I am extremely concerned with the potential usage of the land on the proposed designated site, with half of the land potentially being used for Sports and Recreation use and I note comments on the Leigh and Bransford Parish Council website regarding the NDP, where it is acknowledged that the questionnaire in 2015 did not give a clear outcome from villagers of requirements for community facilities.

You have already stated in several places in the Neighbourhood Plan, that the village has an increasing older generation and a decreasing younger generation and as this plan is supposed to be for the benefit of the villagers, I really do not feel that this large area of a community sports facility would actually be for the benefit of villagers.

I am aware that Leigh and Bransford Badgers FC are looking to site their football club on this land, to secure funding from the Cala Homes development I believe, which I presume was a condition in their planning application. You will see from their website that this is not a small village football club, but a considerably larger football club with circa 25 teams, drawing in players from Worcester, Malvern, Rushwick, Broadwas etc. and the club has previously acknowledged that a very small percentage of their players actually come from Leigh Sinton!

If the football club relocated to the designated area this would be severely detrimental, as they have advised that matches will be played most of the weekend (all day Saturday and half a day on Sunday), the numbers of cars therefore coming into the village would be considerable. I am also very concerned with the level of noise this will bring for villagers enjoying their gardens over the weekend and also for the residents in the Nursing Home adjacent to the designated site.

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Neighbourhood Plan Policies: Design: Dark Skies – Policy LB/D/5

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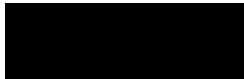
As a significant amount of the designated area has been earmarked for a sports facility, I would presume there is the possibility of football pitches being used during the evenings for training etc, which would involve floodlights at certain times of the year. This would not be in keeping with the village as there are no street lights and floodlights would therefore be extremely obtrusive.

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Neighbourhood Plan Policies: Infrastructure: Flooding and Drainage – Policy LB/1/4

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The A4103 suffers from flooding around the designated site area and I would be very concerned as to whether any development on this site would divert this flooding, which could then affect residential properties in this area.

The designated site also becomes water logged during long periods of rain and during the winter months, which is likely to make any sports facility unusable

Stocks Lane also suffers from severe flooding resulting in the road being closed, adding to more traffic around the designated area

There is also a Moat pond in Nash Green with an outfall pipe into the designated site which needs to be taken into consideration, to ensure any developments do not cause flooding to the properties in Nash Green

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Neighbourhood Plan Policies: Infrastructure: Moving Around – Policy LB/I/7

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There is a well used public footpath across the designated site, which has seen considerable increased usage during Covid and is still used regularly after lockdown
In a village location you would expect public footpaths to be across open fields so you can enjoy the surroundings. The footpath going forward will now be within the proposed residential development and sports facility, which I feel will deter villagers from using it, as there will be crowds of people around the football pitches along with the considerable noise level.

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Neighbourhood Plan Policies: Amenities, Health and Well Being: Community Facilities: –
Policy LB/WB/2

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Most villagers in Leigh Sinton have decided to live here for the green spaces, beautiful countryside, wildlife, peaceful and tranquil surroundings, this would definitely not be the case if there is further development with the size of the proposed “sports facility” ie several football pitches, clubhouse, car parking for 70 cars etc, which is not what the village community actually needs

The Neighbourhood Plan acknowledges that no specific community facility has been specified by the villagers, but with an increasing older generation in the village, the large proposed sports facility appears disproportionate to the number of villagers that would be likely to use it. It is therefore not a “Community” facility for villagers and will be utilised by people outside of the village

The main A4103 Hereford/Worcester Road is extremely busy with cars and large HGV lorries. There is already congestion joining the A4103 from Malvern by the village pub, access to the school via Stocks Lane and development in this area will increase this further, with another road joining onto the A4103 from the new development, along with a proposed pedestrian crossing. The size of the anticipated sports facility, will also bring in a lot of traffic at the weekends with players and supporters. This is not a “small village football club”, that people can walk to, as they draw players from Worcester, Malvern, Powick, Rushwick, Broadwas etc.

Speed limits entering and exiting the village are not adhered to and increased traffic in the area will only add to the problem and potentially a serious accident

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