

Dear Mr Collison,

I find the recent level of clarity and correspondence around the Denstone neighbourhood plan misleading. I am still confused following the two letters and the Parish Council (PC) "flyer" as to what is proposed or happening and if so by when. Do I assume that we have no say and the revised plan will go ahead at some stage? This village, with a substantial majority, approved the original plan however, out of the blue a revised plan is presented which could single handily change the shape and character of the village.

Dialogue should have initially come through the PC. We couldn't get any answers from them when the first letter arrived as they appeared just as much in the dark.

The plan and this probably applies to both plans, paints Denstone as some historic, quintessentially quaint British village. At first glance it may appear so but when you overlay, traffic volumes, speed and congestion caused by, Denstone College, Denstone farm shop, Alton Towers and JCB it is far from this and as a village is probably relatively unique in its position. The traffic in the village at times is awful and it's only a matter of time before a serious accident happens. Speed limits are ignored and are too high across all areas with pitiful traffic calming measures. More housing and increasing the settlement boundaries will curse this further. We totally oppose the plan for 24 dwellings on a single site, this was never part of the original plan and nor should it be part of this revised plan. This proposal will only further increase our traffic problems. In addition, it will blight the outlook for most houses who look out over fields on [REDACTED]

Why does the plan need to support the college, where is mention of supporting our good state schools which this village primarily supports. In order for this village to survive as a village rather than a superhighway for self-centred organisations which provide limited support, we need a plan which focusses on sustainable development and providing a safe infrastructure for villagers and visitors to move around. We never hear from the college on how they are going to improve traffic flows all we get is arrogant drivers wanting to get through at all costs.

Where are plans to cut speeds and direct traffic through nominated channels by turning roads into one way or blocking off entirely?

In this day and age with the environment paramount to our worlds survival we should be refocussing our attention towards sustainability and the environment and placing this at the centre of our holistic plan. If we do nothing or as the plan suggests continuing expansion of the farm shop, Denstone College, Alton Towers and JCB, Denstone will become even more clogged with traffic and far from the village as portrayed in the plan and place we came to live in.

In short, we are totally opposed to extending any boundary settlements and or planning for an additional 24 houses on the land around Vine farm.

Regards

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