



PLANNING and TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

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Dear Clare,

Application: 17/00783 BASHLEY SAWMILLS, BASHLEY COMMON ROAD, NEW MILTON, BH25 5SG
Outline application for 14 No.new dwellings; Access to be considered

1. New Forest Association objects to this application.
2. I assume this is employment land that has been unused for some time. I would be interested to know for how long it has been unused and in particular if was already closed prior to designation (2005). Prehaps a local resident would contact me at plannings@friendsofthenewforest.org. It's employment use as a sawmill contributed to the maintenance of the landscape and traditions of the New Forest.
3. I am not aware this site was suggested in the recent NFNPA calls for possible development sites. If it was, it was not put forward by NFNPA for consultation.
3. Development of this site for any market housing would be contrary to the NFNPA cornerstone policy. There has been no suggestion or government pressure to suppose this policy will change in the emerging local plan.
4. The NPA have a responsibility under *UK Government Vision and Circular 2010 to support the delivery of affordable housing ...to meet the priority of Fostering and maintaining a vibrant, healthy and productive living and working communities in the Park*. This responsibly is reflected in CP11.

There are difficulties with this site under CP11 and government instruction:

- It is noted that the Authority has declined the opportunity to extend the definition of affordable to include other types of quasi affordable housing, or to allow Market housings as an "enabler" on exception sites.
- CP11 exists to meet local need and there is a difficulty in sites whose Parish is split; the great bulk of the population living in a neighbouring Authority. No mechanism sees to exist, (or may be desirable), within NFDC housing dept to allow local Park residents to have priority over other Parish residents defined as having greater need. There is therefore a conflict with the stated purpose of CP11.
- Prior to designation the area was considered by HMG for exclusion, and thus the loss of protection from development, along with the rest of New Milton The council was split and Bashley was included. NFA contends that to allow a significant development so close to the boundary effectively reduces the size of the Park and is contrary to the wishes of the Nation in 2005.

5. NFA has not considered traffic implications.

Yours sincerely,

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