

At the recent Parish meeting about this proposed development in Alderton , it was suggested we , as residents , should communicate to the Council our views.

We oppose the proposal , as it would harm the village if a housing development went ahead , increasing the size of the village significantly and inappropriately.

There appears to be little or no demand for low cost housing in the Parish .

Alderton has no shop or other facilities . The access road is narrow and would not take the extra traffic.

Alderton already has a high proportion of rental properties in any event.

This proposal has not come from the Community , but from one family and there is no obvious benefit to the village and its current residents from it.

We hope these comments are helpful to the committee.

I was unable to attend the last PCC meeting but I would like to add, having read the proposed CLT project, that this additional housing would be totally unsuitable for the Hamlet / Village of Alderton and should be rejected

This is on the grounds firstly that it would change the size of this small village substantially effecting the rest of the community

Secondly Alderton, a rural hamlet, does not have any amenities for any new houses

Thirdly I am at a loss to understand why there is a further need for community houses in this unpopulated location due to the above.

Having been to April's meeting and listened to the proposed plans for the development at Arland House I wanted to email to confirm my objection to the proposals. I understand the reasons given by Ian Anderson, and appreciate his generosity in donating land to the village, however I think it is entirely out of keeping and would fundamentally change the character of Alderton to have a development of 6, 9, 12 - who knows how many properties - on the land previously designated as unavailable for development.

Additionally as was highlighted in the meeting there are limited council resources serving Alderton, especially the bus service. Therefore all people living in these new buildings would need to be fully independent.

I am unable to make May's meeting but look forward to seeing the minutes.

Thank you

Dear Clerk,

With reference to the proposed development of the garden to the back of Arland House we would like to raise the following concerns for your consideration.

1. Housing need. Social housing in the parish is not in high demand as demonstrated by council records on current requests plus the length of time to fill the house available in Beaufort View.
2. Isolation of those in social need. There is not a regular bus supply nor pavements roads to provide a safe route for young or limited mobility to the shop, school or bus route in Luckington.
3. 9 houses (6 social and 3 private) is a huge increase of Alderton housing stock being around 30 in current number and could detrimentally alter the village irreversibly.
4. Where would the cash to build and maintain the social houses come from if the 3 private dwellings are to be kept by the landowner?
5. The proposed site is outside the cartilage of the village and set a dangerous precedent for future green belt development.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns.

Please pass the following comments on to Council members:

Member of the Council,

I am unable to attend the forthcoming Council meeting when Ian Anderson's proposal will be discussed again. I did voice my concerns at the last meeting but herewith commit them to paper:

I object wholeheartedly to the proposed housing development for the following reasons:

- 1) *It would increase the size of the village by between 30% to 50%.*
- 2) *The site falls outside of the former red line for planning which prescribed the boundary of the village.*
- 3) *The village has no infrastructure or amenities to support such a development. New inhabitants would therefore have to have at least one car per household.*
- 4) *The roads in and around the village are mainly single track and not designed for such an increase of traffic.*
- 5) *If the development were for families: both the local primary school are fully subscribed and any increase in the population would impact adversely on class sizes and strain already stretched resources.*
- 6) *If the development were for retirement homes rather than families: there is no immediate infrastructure for medical support and residence would have to rely on either private or NHS transport to transfer them to medical centres.*
- 7) *As identified at the last meeting, there is currently no one on the waiting list for housing in this area, therefore there is a question of need for such a development.*

- 8) *The village population does not support this proposal.*
- 9) *There is a widely held belief that this development does not have the best interests of the village or its community at heart.*

Thank you for your consideration.

Please may I endorse NAME REDACTED 's comments and add that if a need for social housing was ever established there are other sites in Luckington where the owner would be prepared to sell and should be considered in priority to any site in Alderton.

Dear Mrs Allman

I understand that that there is a Parish Council Meeting on 13th May when Mr. Anderson's proposal will be discussed again. Unfortunately neither my wife nor I will be able to attend but having attended the last meeting we would like to make the following comments:

- 1) It would increase the size of the village by at least 30%.
- 2) The village has no infrastructure or amenities to support such a development. There is no adequate bus service. New inhabitants would therefore have to have at least one car per household.
- 3) The roads in and around the village are mainly single track and not designed for such an increase of traffic.
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- 8) From my discussion with other villagers I have found no support this proposal.
- 9) There is a widely held belief that this development does not have the best interests of the village or its community at heart.

We would be grateful for our comments to be made aware to the Councillors

Dear Victoria

Although I will not be able to attend this week's public meeting, I would like it on record that I am against the above proposed development mainly for the two reasons which follow:

1. The development is outside of the historical line of the village and is therefore not in keeping with the rest of the village.
2. I do not perceive any current need for social housing in the area.

Following the last parish council meeting, and as I cannot be at the meeting this week due to work, I wanted to pass on my initial thoughts regarding Ian's wish to bequeath land behind his house to a CLT.

In the interest of full disclosure I am a direct neighbour of Ian and would be able to partially see the development from the back of my house.

My understanding is that CLT's are organisations set up and run by local people in order to develop and manage local affordable housing. I see no appetite from the local community for such a scheme and would go so far as to question whether there is a need for affordable housing in Alderton.

I would not necessarily be adverse to limited and sympathetic local development, but don't see this as being the right way to obtain permission to do so. It risks overwhelming the village due to the number of houses proposed. i.e.

1. Increases the number of houses between 30% to 50%
2. All roads leading to the village are single track and not suitable for the increase in traffic this would bring
3. Alderton itself has no infrastructure or amenities

Further to my previous correspondence below and in response to Mr Anderson's revised proposal I would like to add that my previous objections still stand. However, whilst the impact on the village population is reduced under Mr Anderson's revised proposal there are two significant areas of concern on which I base my continued opposition:

- 1) **Precedence:** To establish a development outside of the former red line for planning in the village and to agree a change of usage from agricultural land sets a dangerous precedence which would become significant should any other developer wish to develop other sites in and around the village. I am extremely concerned that should this development be agreed others may well follow which would change the whole character of the village.

- 2) **Need:** To my knowledge there still remains no one registered on the waiting list for housing in the area and therefore I do not see that this proposal is fulfilling a need.

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