

TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Braishfield Parish Council Response On Application

Application No: 17/02183/OUTS
Proposal: Outline application for 94 dwellings with access
Site: Land West Of Cupernham Lane Romsey Hampshire

Braishfield Parish Council has considered the above submitted proposal and makes the following comment:

OBJECTION, for the following reasons:

- The site is in the Countryside, and covered by policy COM2. The Local Plan allows for new housing on the south side of Romsey, not on the north. The borough has a 5-year land supply in the North, in the South, and as a whole: there is no need for this development.
- This application will contribute to over-development on the north side of Romsey. Residents have expressed concern about the ability of infrastructure and services to accommodate the additional residents that the development will bring; particularly when added to the developments at Abbotswood and Ganger Farm which in construction and not fully occupied.
- The location of the housing is unsustainable, in terms of distance from facilities in the town centre, and from large centres of employment and transport links to the south.
- The site is unsuitable for housing because there is no footway on Cupernam Lane, which puts pedestrians in danger from traffic when they wish to walk into the centre of Romsey.
- The project will increase traffic density on nearby roads (Braishfield Road, Jermyns Lane, Sandy Lane, Winchester Road etc.). This is of concern to residents of Braishfield, who have experienced an increase in through-traffic in recent years, particularly since the new homes at Abbotswood have become occupied. This can only increase when Abbotswood and Ganger Farm, and other sites across Romsey, are fully occupied. Due to the open and rural character of Braishfield, average vehicle speeds have been measured to be well in excess of the speed limit through the village. All these developments are at the entrance to Braishfield, and there is a tendency for vehicles travelling to or from the north (and even to Winchester) to use Braishfield as a short cut despite all roads out of the village being single track and suitable only for local access. The application has not taken this into account.
- The traffic survey omits consideration of the capacity of the roundabouts at Winchester Road/Botley Road and Winchester Road at the Plaza. We understand that these are already at full capacity or near to it (respectively), during peak times. This proposal will generate sufficient traffic to place these junctions beyond their full capacity.

Clerk to Braishfield Parish Council
04/10/17