

Notes for LDP2 critique

Housing is in a critical state in some parts of the country. Not so critical here in Saundersfoot.

Who therefore, are we creating a major housing development for?

How many Social, Affordable, other family and or second homes are required. Such figure have been previously listed.

Second homes are a scourge on the village. Large pockets of these homes remain empty for the off season periods, making ghost like lack of habitation.

What future employment prospects are foreseen as there is little at the moment. Commuter traffic will therefore increase on already congested and unsafe roads. Many of the seasonal jobs are filled by non-locals.

Social Housing puts an extra demand on the taxpayer. Council Budgets are under pressure without an additional burden of increase in Housing Benefit.

Development is taking place all over Pembrokeshire. Change is inevitable. Now second parking spaces are required as well as charging points for electric vehicle in new build. These all add to cost of developments as well as forecasting higher traffic density for commuters. This adds to cost of new housing prices, and increases the Carbon footprint on the environment. Planning development should provide an acceptable change for the better. What development benefits will make the village more acceptable than the conditions that currently exist? Currently it needs major investment to improve its infrastructure and amenities. Additional development will not do anything to improve the congestion and pedestrian safety within the village.

The Village infrastructure is still 19th century with access via all minor roads unsuitable for increased traffic or even the traffic that exists. All three or four access roads to the village are unsafe. Bus Routes are so narrow that central lines are not present. The B4316 Railway Bridge is on a blind narrow bend. Access points are also on blind spots and Railway Station access is appalling. A blind hill provides nothing but a danger giving access to the Ridgeway. The tree lined avenues look unsafe in places as trees are at perilous angles, and many additional access routes exist along its path.(Old Netherwood School ,Errox Hill (also blind), Mill Farm caravan site, access to Wiseman's Bridge, Mill Farm, Scar Farm Caravan Site, access to Whitlow and then on to the primary school .

Sandyhill Road has a chicane leaving St Bride's Hill the only viable route suitable for heavy traffic.

There are no adequate pavements giving safe access to the village. Pavements are not continuous, so crossing congested roads are inevitable, pavements are too narrow and in some cases provide no disabled access and are very steep.

Services are at saturation point for sewerage, school amenities and medical facilities. Public transport is dire.

We may be destroying the landscape around the beautiful village which gives it its charm. We should protect our environment for survival of generations to come. Why destroy green belt when brown field sites are available for the small developments that are needed.

Government policies can be very seductive but the actuality is very different for those that may be affected.

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