

SOME POINTS TO THINK ABOUT REGARDING THE PROPOSED PLANNING APPLICATION FOR SIX FOUR BEDROOM HOUSES OFF CHURNET VIEW ROAD SUBMITTED BY ROBINSON HOMES LTD

Tax payers have forked out thousands of pounds to shore up Churnet View road. The road has been tipping into the river for many years. During the winter of 2012 villagers endured total disruption for many months while the road was closed to all vehicles. To this day there are still problems with the sewerage system and erosion of the riverbank.

The above proposed development will bring with it many trips of heavy vehicles up and down a road that has recently undergone emergency repairs due to its instability. Plus if the plans go ahead, more vehicles from the proposed dwellings and the services they will require will be added to this volume of traffic. Robinson Homes Ltd have stated in their development proposal that all main services are already installed on site. Following World War Two, temporary emergency housing was erected with these services. The prefab's soon after were no longer needed and these services have not been used for over 70yrs to date. The site is also beyond a private road and is registered as high risk for flood damage.

Years ago there was access to the area for the public and Churnet Valley Railway Members. This was eroded over time with a new residence blocking the road by erecting gates. A recent resident has erected tall solid gates. There has been constant dispute rows by walkers and local people who have been stopped from using the path. And as for 'a much needed turning head', that was never a problem when traffic had full use of the road. There is also a question mark over who really owns the land?

Our village is not struggling to maintain the viability of existing facilities as Steve Robinson intimates. Oakamoor is a thriving and vibrant village, locals pull together to protect and maintain community spirit. Residents collectively organise and facilitate multi-generational events, festivals and activities year on year and welcome all to participate and enjoy.


Local facilities include:- Active well used Village Hall that facilities various crafts, hobbies, health and wellbeing activities. Community transport, mobile library and mobile shop offering fresh produce, and a gardening group, pensioner club, church groups and much more.

Residents engage in local competitions such as The Best Kept Village, and due to resident s effort and dedication have achieved 1st place for the past 4 years. Conservation and youth groups contribute to the care of our environment.

Public houses are a hub for social gatherings offering entertainment, good food and takeaway meals throughout the year. During the summer months they attract many tourists which bring revenue to our local small businesses. Our school facilitates outstanding educational and social outcomes and provides young energy and inspiration to our local life.

We are a small village. The reason people have chosen to live here is because it is beautiful and rural. We really care about our village and sustaining it for future generations. Please help us to maintain this by sending your letters to the Parish Council where they will be discuss at the next meeting and passed on to STAFFS MOORLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

I support the above

Signature — 

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