

**Local Plan Review. - Options
in
Cheriton Bishop**



Regarding the proposal for new houses within our village, can we offer the following points both for and against such proposals?

FOR:-

We realise there is a need for a limited number of new houses within the area of Cheriton Bishop that would bring in the new younger generation that our village requires:

Such houses must be affordable for the above generation and not simply for those requiring second homes in a beautiful part of Devon. We realise of course that this is dependent on the market price per hectare of the agricultural land in question.

AGAINST:-

We were advised in 2004 that the main sewage system simply could not take or cope with any further development. This has been borne out by the properties in Meadow Walk which we believe have septic tanks and are known to give regular severe problems.

We realise the primary school requires more pupils in order for it to sustain its present good educational record **BUT** the narrow single track Church Lane to the school simply can not cope with any further traffic. Any access from a new development into this narrow lane would be detrimental to all who use it.

Another issue for consideration would be our surgery. This covers twelve villages, over an area of eighty square miles and has in region of over 5000 patients. A huge influx of the population would be very detrimental to the excellent service that his surgery provides to all within this area at the moment.

Finally, with agriculture land being eroded by houses but the population of the country rising, the need for growing food has increased. No land equals no farming stock, no grain equals higher cost of food to import such!

TO SUM UP:-

The only land we personally feel would be suitable for a small development would be that adjacent to the East of Hill View and adjacent to Woodleigh Hall.

Our reasoning being that any access onto the old A30 would have good visibility and unobstructed. Equally, any such development would not be as controversial to all existing villagers as the others shown on the proposed plans.

Finally all proposals must consider Cheriton Bishop as a village with a good community spirit and any new development must be small enough to co-exist within our environment.

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