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Councillor David Baker  
Newton St Cyres Parish Council



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Dear Councillor Baker,

Following the meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March I am writing to you to share my thoughts on the proposed changes to Newton St Cyres. I didn't live in the village in 2008 when the questionnaire was completed by the villagers but acknowledge the need for some affordable housing for the young people who have grown up here and who would like to be able to live here with their families.

I feel that the proposed move of the school to Station road would be far better for the parents, teachers and children; the A377 is a dangerous road for the school to be so close to and all the associated problems. It would then make the most sense to build houses on the site vacated by the school; this keeps the houses within the designated building line and puts the site to good use, I am quite opposed to extending the line of the village, in either direction. If houses are built on the current school site the entrance to the 'estate' would need to be away from the brow of the hill and wide enough to give good visibility

This then leads on to the consideration of building more than 25 houses in the village, if space could be found. The infrastructure of the village couldn't cope with more houses being built; just a few more will have an impact on the road which is already struggling to cope with the sheer volume of traffic at peak times. Any road closures then send the cars off onto totally unsuitable lanes and we end up with gridlock. 100 houses has the potential to bring another 200 cars into the village and more children than the school could cope with, particularly as the school is to be replaced with a building with the same capacity that it currently has.

Over all I am in favour of the parish plan but would be totally against any proposal to increase the size of the village any more than that, it will destroy the small community and the aesthetics of our pretty village.

Yours Sincerely

Sally Dillon