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For the Attention of : Mr Williams Forward Planning Team Leader

Dear Sir:



With reference to the proposed development in Oakford as shown on the consultation document.

I would wish it to be known that I am completely against any such development in Oakford, and in my opinion the requirement for any form of additional housing in Oakford village is zero.

Also I cannot see any practical reason at all why anyone in the position of looking to move into low cost housing would even contemplate moving into Oakford or any other remote village location, because all the services, amenities, and employment is further afield which would obviously create additional expense for the occupants in travel costs, so it would make much more sense to live locally to shops / schools / bus & train services to start with.

There is a very strong view throughout the village residents that this development is unnecessary and unwanted which was made very clear at the meeting held in the village hall on the 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 where practically everyone was against it.

Throughout the meeting there were numerous objections with some good points being raised regarding existing empty premises and several very short term occupants returning to more urban areas due to reasons as stated above. There would be additional unnecessary strain on our small road network, and the complete destruction of the tranquillity of the main entrance into the village.

Therefore the whole scheme is both unwanted and unnecessary.

Yours Faithfully

David Clapp