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From: Mike
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To: DPD
Subject: Oakford consultation site



Dear Sir or Madam.

I part own the consultation site in Oakford which we recently gained permission for a field gate access. While constructing the gateway i was very surprised how many people stopped to look at the work i was doing, some asked how many houses were going to be built, some said the field lent it's self for development, two farmers from the top of the village said it would be a good idea to build there, a couple with three children asked if they could have a three bed because the two bed they are renting in the village is to small.

I am not sure if these people will put pen to paper. I know some years ago the council owned the field and proposed to build twelve houses there but only built four.

The C.P.R.E. have stated they would much prefer growth in villages rather than building new towns. I know in Oakford the shop has closed, the pub has only recently reopened. Not just Oakford but many villages have the infrastructure ie pubs, shops, schools, posts offices etc, but lots are closing due to lack of people and houses.

I was very pleased to get planning for the gateway and thought that was it. But now having spoken to people in the village i can see how the field lends it self to development, lying between the village hall and the village, a natural infill.

I only found out this week that you need peoples view's by Monday 24th March. Will everyone in the village have been given notice of this, because the people i spoke to knew nothing about it. Which ever way the decision goes i presume the council have made sure all the people in the village are aware they can make their view's known.

Yours Faithfully.

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