Bawburgh Parish Council – response to VHCAP consultation - Question 27

Bawburgh Parish Council (BPC) strongly objects to the allocation of this site. It would increase a small village by approx 20% of residences. Over the last 5 years alone Bawburgh has already seen an increase in new built properties of 12%.

There is not good connectivity - as access to local services such as shops, buses and doctor’s surgeries is extremely sparse – for example, local surgeries (eg Hethersett) are on emergency status due recent population expansion.

Development of site would severely impact upon the townscape and landscape due to the high elevation and rural character. Site also lies within a number of landscape designations – including bordering the conservation area.1

Dispersal of storm water from most recent developments on Stocks Hill have significantly increased a risk to flash flooding affecting main drainage (December 2020 refers) which appears to be operating at maximum capacity at times of heavy rainfall.

Finally, would such a large development require street lighting – *none* of which exists throughout the village? This would instigate light pollution and once again compromise the village’s rural character due to its prominence.

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Reference:

1. Bawburgh - Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Guidelines - December 2017 (*South Norfolk Council*)