

Appendix 8

Copies of newsletter slip responses

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- Very supportive Supportive Undecided Opposed Very opposed

Comments

I am a young person looking for an affordable home to purchase. A scheme such as that described here would help me realise my ambition of buying a home near Bristol.

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Just what Nailsea needs! The plans look good and looking forward to the exhibition.

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Comments

*This scheme is needed badly!
58 affordable homes is a real priority for the town.*

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This site is extremely in demand and there are no questions it should go ahead!

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Comments *Nailsea needs to grow and to offer more housing suitable for younger people and families with young children. I support this scheme and am impressed with the affordable housing element. I am confident that local traffic issues are manageable.*

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Comments *I am 19 and attending University, but have grown up in Nailsea. The town is ageing and needs to attract younger people to make the town more vibrant + dynamic I particularly wish to see affordable housing. Nailsea school is one of the best facilities in the country, but school roles are falling. More young people needed!!*

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Not able to attend meeting
I am not available on
the 15th December.

Comments I am not opposed to it, provided sufficient plans are incorporated for sewage and water supplies and that an adequate bus service into Nailsea can be arranged. Also when building that the roads are wide enough, even with cars parked on one side, to allow emergency vehicles to get through. I am pleased your proposals include green space, playing fields and rugby facilities.

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Comments It concerns me that all the "older" generation seem to have all the say in Nailsea 1st they moan about Lidl/Aldi and they have given up now moaning about new homes, please dont give up. Nailsea needs a boost of young spirit!

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I doubt that the infrastructure would cope: i.e. roads, schools, dentists & GP Practices. It can take 2 weeks to see my own GP! Plus Town Centre parking would become more difficult than it already is.

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TOO FAR FROM AMENITIES (SHOPS, SCHOOLS etc) POOR TRANSPORT LINKS. VERY CLOSE TO PROPOSED NEW HIGH PYLONS

VEGLING TOWARDS

HOUSES ON AND AROUND ENGINE LANE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GEARED TO FAMILIES ON HIGHER INCOMES, MEANING THEY PRETTY MUCH ALL HAVE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT. THERE IS EVERY LIKELIHOOD THAT THE 58 "AFFORDABLE" HOMES WILL GO TO HOUSING ASSOCIATIONS OR PRIVATE LANDLORDS. FAMILIES LIVING THERE ARE UNLIKELY TO HAVE THEIR OWN TRANSPORT. THERE ARE NO BUS LINKS IN THE WHOLE AREA (BUS LINKS ARE EXTREMELY POOR IN THE WEST END OF NAIKSEA GENERALLY) WITH NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT SYSTEM OR LOCAL AMENITIES I AM CONCERNED THAT PEOPLE WILL NOT WANT TO LIVE THERE. ALSO THIS WOULD POTENTIALLY IMPACT BADLY ON PARNHAM MOLE + GROVE SCHOOLS. PLEASE NOTE TOO THAT BUSFARES ARE EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE

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The Reason we oppose this build if we had facilities to go with extra people, such as bigger Doctor Surgeries & more schools, you have a long wait at the doctors as it is without extra people making it worse.

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I AM AWARE NAILSEA NEEDS MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
HOWEVER, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT PARKING? CONGESTIONS ON OUR INCREASINGLY BUSY ROADS AND OTHER FACILITIES SUCH AS DOCTORS APPOINTMENTS?

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The site is 2km away from the town centre, where all doctors, pharmacies, dentists, supermarkets & other day to day facilities are. It is not a sustainable location. Roads to the south & west are country lanes & already busy. The high density is out of keeping with the existing housing, especially 3 storey buildings, so would not be a natural extension of Nailsea. The development will block the landscape views enjoyed from the pavement on Engine Lane. The proposed layout doesn't appear to offer a view point through the site from Engine Lane.

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- WRONG SIDE OF NAILSEA AS TOO FAR FROM TOWN CENTRE
- CREATING MORE TRAFFIC & PARKING PROBLEMS
- LOSS OF RECREATIONAL SPACE
- NARROW SURROUNDING ROADS
- POOR USE OF TOWN COUNCILS ASSETS

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WRONG PLACE FOR HOUSING
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Build somewhere else. This is valuable green space. Our roads can't take any more cars and our wildlife deserves a space here.

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The land at Engine Lane is restricted by covenant for recreational use and as a matter of principle it should not be breached.

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This land was purchased to stop housing. It is a very valuable green amenity space used by all ages and all residents of the town. Please don't build here. Your houses will not be affordable. If you want to build in Naithon, do so closer to the town centre where the roads are capable of coping with the increased traffic.

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Houses will not be affordable for local people
and will take away our valuable recreational land.
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AGAINST SELLING OF GREEN SPACE LAND,
LACK OF THOUGHT REGARDING ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE.
INCREASED TRAFFIC ON NORTH STREET, POTENTIALLY
PUTTING LIVES AT RISK.

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The surrounding roads are very unsuitable
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increase in traffic.
This is good agricultural land that should
remain so.

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Current roads from Engine Lane, to town centre are already difficult to negotiate & existing car parking is insufficient at times. So, how will ^{the} ^{intake} ^{centre} road infrastructure cope with at least 185 more cars? The noise disruption for those on the approach roads will increase ^{intolerably}.

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ENGINE LANE SHOULD STAY GREEN FOR LOCAL PEOPLE TO EXERCISE AND WALK THEIR DOGS ON. THIS IS NOT THE PLACE FOR HOUSING. BUILD ELSEWHERE WE HAVE FLOODING HERE AND THE ONLY ACCESS IS ACROSS RURAL ROADS.

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Whilst we can see the need for more affordable/mixed housing in Nailsea, the surrounding infrastructure must be adequate to accept the additional demands.

From what I can see, Engine Lane, Netherharton Wood Lane and St Mary's Grove road is not being widened or improved. 195 houses on this development could easily be 300+ cars on what are already busy narrow roads.

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The entrances & exits from Engine Lane are already busy traffic areas. 195 houses means >200 vehicles which will increase noise, pollution, congestion & road traffic accidents. We live in Edgworth West End Lane & on many occasions movement can be gridlocked when 2-3 cars meet travelling in opposite directions. This can only get worse for the three potential routes out of Nailsea in the West & South directions. There is NOTHING the developer can do or say that can alter these facts. The entire scheme is poor planning by North Somerset Council. It is the residents who will suffer the most!

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THE IS NO ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE, THE ROADS/ROUTES IN THE AREA ARE COUNTRY LANES. THE ROUTES IN & OUT OF NAILSEA ARE ALREADY UNSUITABLE FOR THE VOLUME OF TRAFFIC TODAY. THIS WILL NOT ONLY DESTROY THE COUNTRYSIDE AND THE NICE PART OF NAILSEA, BUT CREATE SIMILAR TRAFFIC CHAOS AS CLEVEDON & PORTISHEAD!!

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- RUINS MORE GREEN LAND
- WILL HEAVILY INCREASE TRAFFIC
- INFRASTRUCTURE - SHOPS/PARKING ETC WON'T SUPPORT

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very opposed to this development. This land ~~used~~ is used for recreation & leisure & is valuable green space. It is not for building on!

Do not build here. You will ruin Nailsea

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The proposal to build here is totally inappropriate and unacceptable.

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I seriously object to this development, because the roads between Nantua & Clevedon are already heavily congested - i.e. 15:30-17:00pm. There were 5 cars in each direction trying get the Nantua lane - This is only one example of the impossible traffic problems 185 new houses, with 200 baby 2 cars per household, add house - roads who are the roads now

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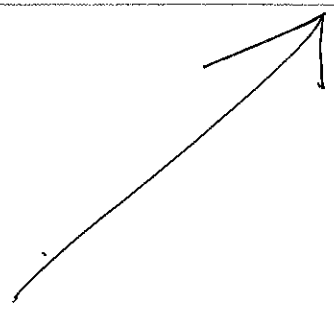
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This ground was for the use of recreation
it joins the Rugby pitches and has a
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which there are many other more appropriate sites
Brown Field and inner city, but of course its ear
and less cost to the developer

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Our comments and concerns

It is obvious that the roads to this area of Nailsea are little more than country lanes.

The access to West End North Street, Leigh Wood Drive and the Rugby Club are already unsuitable for an extra volume of traffic that will be caused by the proposed development.

There are areas in both North Street and Engine lane without pavements and there are no speed restrictions which already makes the junction on the North Street end of Engine lane extremely dangerous due to poor visibility.

A consideration might be to make the entrance to Engine Lane from North Street No Entry by using bollards, therefore encouraging the traffic to use the wider more suitable road through the trading estate.

It would also reduce the extra volume of traffic that would be using this area of North Street.

This would also stop large lorries using the North Street end of Engine Lane to access the trading estate which often happens at the moment.

Using bollards has been done in other places in Nailsea successfully.

Our other concern is also the risk of flooding from the development as there is a considerable gradient down Engine lane and in heavy rain it has been known to flood in North Street.

Lastly we have personal experience of how the conservation of natural habitat in this rural area is protected. We are aware that there are rare horseshoe bats in the area and that their habitat is going to be disturbed during the construction of this development.

I am sure there will be other wild life that will be disturbed too.

T. E. Dyer

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From the outset I have been totally opposed to the Gaulacre development, as well as the others on the West End side of Nailsea. I have lived in Allington Gardens for over 30 years and it was my understanding that the Gaulacre fields were green belt when I moved there in May 1986. I previously lived in London for 8 years and it was wonderful to move back out into a scenic rural area when my eldest daughter was born. It is a lovely area to live and both my children grew up with the feeling of living in a spacious green environment, on the edge of the countryside with wonderful views and a calm, peaceful atmosphere.

When I divorced 15 years ago I thought I would have to move away from the area I love but I managed to continue living there. When I remarried we actually sold my house but, knowing how much I love living here, my new husband moved in and we removed the house from the property market. Even though he is now retired, we are still here and maintaining the house and garden so that hopefully we do not have to move for another few years for our retirement.

On a personal level I do not wish to feel hemmed in by other houses. It is wonderful each day to see the fields and open countryside at the end of my road on my way to work. We

Mr. G. Quick
Planning Policy,
Post Point 15,
Town Hall,
Walliscote Grove Road,
Weston-Super-Mare,
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14 December 2016

Dear Mr Quick

Re: Objection to the Site Allocations Plan 2006 - 2026: Publication Version November 2016 for Nailsea

I have attended some of the meetings organised by the Nailsea Action Group and some of the Council meetings, although I have not been available to attend any of the recent ones due to other commitments. The Council has been very negligent in notifying the residents in the area of this project and the meetings about it. I also understand there is a meeting organised by Barratt Homes tomorrow night, 15 December 2016, which I cannot attend due to a prior engagement.

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can see the lambs in the fields in spring and hear the 'mooing of the cows' when they are grazing in the fields. I still go running around Youngwood Lane and up through Netherton Wood Lane. I never wear headphones as I love to hear the birds 'chirping', the sheep 'baaing' and the cows 'mooing' along with all the other countryside noises. I do not want to come out of the end of my road and be faced with a housing estate, no matter how well it has been planned and constructed. This may sound very selfish but I am entitled to my opinion and perspective.

On a more pragmatic approach I also have numerous specific objections:

Even without more new houses being built in the area the traffic on the surrounding roads and lanes is becoming much heavier than it was a few years ago. I drive down Engine Lane every day and then across the Causeway to Tickenham Church and over to Portishead. Whereas before there may have been one other solitary car in sight, I now often find myself in a 'snake' effect of cars with just as many cars in the other direction coming in to Nailsea.

When I run up Netherton Wood Lane the volume of cars is ever increasing and, as a country lane leading to Clevedon, it was not designed for heavy traffic. I always stand in the side of the road to allow the cars to pass and it frightens me as to how much more traffic would use these lanes if more houses were built. These roads could not accommodate such an increase. Then, if a new road were built towards the M5 as is speculated, even more of the lovely countryside would be lost. The land behind the Uplands and Grove School also provides good walking/running/social space which we must fight to protect.

Fortunately I am a healthy person and up to now I have not been a frequent visitor to the doctors. However, when I do require an appointment, I am finding that the length of time to wait is increasing. I do have annual check-ups and it is now necessary for me to book these up earlier and earlier in advance to be able to fit them in around my full-time occupation. This again will only get worse if the population increases, especially with families being encouraged into the area.

The West End side of town around Engine Lane is quite easily walkable into the centre of Nailsea. I always walked it when my children were small, in the same way as I always walked them to school. However, by building new homes further on the edge of this side of Nailsea, I doubt many people would do these walks now as it would be even further away from the amenities. This would create more traffic into Nailsea and put an even greater burden onto the town's car parks. At certain times of the day and week it isn't always easy to find a parking place now.

I occasionally hear that school numbers are dwindling. I very much doubt that there will ever be a problem with satisfactorily filling the school places available in Nailsea. There will always be sufficient families living in the town who will school their children locally. I believe this is just scare-mongering to support the interested parties who will profit from building new homes.

Earlier in the year a large horse chestnut tree on 'questionable Council land' (they decided they didn't own it when there was a problem) fell onto our wall during gales and into our garden damaging a tree in our lawn. The Council immediately sent a company to remove the chestnut tree – my husband rang at 8am and the tree was being removed at 9.30am – an exceptionally impressive timescale. However when we tried to get them to repair the

all the Council immediately washed their hands of the situation and said it was not their responsibility. We had to claim on insurance. I know other residents in the area who live beside open spaces who have attempted to get diseased trees, such as this was, removed for fear of this happening to their property. However the Council always state that the trees on open land are protected and cannot be felled. At one meeting I therefore asked the Council why they were prepared to sell the Gaulacre site land on which there are so many trees which would have to be removed. They were unable to satisfactorily answer that question. It would appear this is acceptable for profit.

In addition, if development takes place this will not only destroy the countryside irrevocably, the wildlife therein will also be obliterated. We are always being encouraged to protect our wildlife but as soon as someone wants to build houses this reasoning appears to go out of the window and be insignificant.

I am aware that the Town Council is split over the sale of this land and the subsequent housing development. I attended one meeting where all the members gave their own views. Those against it were of the same opinion as the residents – green space, road structure, traffic, doctor's appointments etc etc. Those who were in favour all appeared to have a personal slant and it appeared to me that they lived in other areas of Nailsea and wanted housing built away from their own homes. There was one Council representative, I'm afraid I cannot remember her name, who had an absolute outburst on how selfish the residents were and how she wanted more housing because her daughter couldn't afford to live in Nailsea!

Nailsea is a pleasant small town in beautiful North Somerset. We do not want to be merged with Backwell or Tickenham. If more people move into the area in new housing, where will they work? I envisage they will commute out of Nailsea creating longer travelling times, a greater strain on inappropriate roads and more pollution between the town and Bristol for example, as well as putting a greater strain on public transport.

I would also like to pass on my concern at the lack of consultation between the Council and the public. Just over a year ago when this subject came to light, the project was already quite advanced and yet we residents were oblivious. The communication from the Council is unacceptably poor. It appears that they wish these new developments to be put through on the quiet until they are so advanced nothing can be done. The Covenant on this land should be retained and the land be protected.

Please, please, please listen to the residents in this area.

Yours sincerely