

# **BELFORD PARISH COUNCIL.**

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Planning Department  
Northumberland County Council,  
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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Application No 19/01346/OUT- Outline application for residential development of 37 houses (All Matters Reserved) - Land South Of Rogerson Road Rogerson Road Belford Northumberland**

**Education-** The education Department has presumed all children continue their education in Berwick after leaving the Primary School, however, as Belford is equal distance between Berwick and Alnwick, many parents opt to send their children to Alnwick even though they have to pay for school transport which has an impact on the class roll numbers at Belford Primary School. If this application is approved there needs to be an assurance that there will be an appropriate bus service available to allow children to access Alnwick Schools, which should be free of charge to parents under the Equalities Act to all parents to have the option to select a school of their choice at no extra cost.

**Shops-** There are a limited number of shops i.e. Co-op, one newsagent, chemist & chip shop. The majority of the shops on the High Street over the years have closed and been turned into residential dwellings.

**Access road-** The access to the new development will be via South Road, which is already the access road for a caravan park, a commercial business which has HGV's using the road on a regular basis during working hours, a farm shop, as well as being the access road for the residential properties in South Road.

**Flooding-** There is already an issue with properties in the Rogerson Road area flooding in heavy rainfall, therefore if this application is approved there must be a condition to ensure the new properties will not be subject to flooding in the future and the current flooding to properties in Rogerson Road will not be exasperated by the new development.

We do appreciate that Conditions 19 & 24 are looking to address the surface water runoff, however, the Parish Council would like assurance if the application is approved that the conditions are strong enough to provide residents with assurance that their property is not at an increased risk of flooding due to the additional housing.

**Amenity-** The majority of the properties in Rogerson Road are bungalows and there are concerns about the loss of privacy, therefore if the application is approval consideration needs to be given as to the proposed type and size of houses to be built in this area, especially recognising the height of the new houses.

**Medical Practice-** The Belford Medical Practice covers more than just Belford Parish, the nearest Medical Practices to Belford are Berwick, Alnwick & Wooler. There is a small outreach facility in Seahouses linked to the Belford Medical Practice.

There is already approval for new housing within Belford Village which includes the following:

9 houses at Blue Bell

8 Middle Mousen

Approx. 45 houses at Raynham Road area

+ approvals for single dwellings & conversions for shops to residential accommodation

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