

LONGFRAMLINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Consultation 20/02482/FUL Land North Of Fairfield's

Longframlington has been subject to major development in the last few years resulting in 241 new homes being built or with planning consent an increase of some 66%, this has been done with little if any improvements to the basic infrastructure. The village struggles to cope with such huge increases and needs time to absorb and welcome the new residents before any further planning permissions are granted.

Both the Northumberland Local Plan (NLP) and the Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan (LNP) show this site as outside the village boundaries and also show other sites within the boundaries that could facilitate developments of this size for housing to meet local need which this application does not, all without damaging the open countryside.

Both the NLP and the LNP would have been further forward and carrying much more weight had they not been delayed due to regulations introduced during the Covid emergency but this should not be to the advantage of developers looking to profit from the situation. The LNP starts its Regulation 14 consultation on the 1st of March 2021, we would suggest that as we already have over 110 new homes to be built any new permissions should be delayed so that their real effect on the village can be properly assessed.

The developer states it will round off the village but in reality it will create a sharply defined outline of disconnected blocks of housing alien to the current boundaries and village ethos.

There is no proven need for more housing land in Northumberland let alone in Longframlington as there is an ample supply of building land available (10.5 Years).

The need for affordable/social housing in the village is also argued by the developer but the village had a plentiful supply prior to the current expansion and over 25% of the new housing is affordable/social.

The NLP has a requirement for 47 homes in the area over the 2016/2030 period and we have already provided 241 which is 512% of the requirement further sites are unnecessary and represent gross overdevelopment and massing of housing in the LNP area.

The developer has maintained over five applications that the village is desperate for housing but in the nearly five years since the first permission was granted they have not laid one brick just continued to apply for yet more numbers on the same land disproving these claims while also looking like land banking.

The 94% of the village that have supported the production of the LNP and its policies to date implore you to refuse this application and let the village settle before we then welcome measured future development.

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