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Bishop's Hull Parish Council

The planning application
for the fields to the west of Bishop's
Hull Road

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Following the recent exhibition showing possible development in the two fields to the west of Bishop's Hull Road, a planning application has now been submitted on behalf of Persimmon. You may view this on Taunton Deane council's website, but be warned, there are a large number of long documents; the application number is 05/2007/057. Although the website states that you have until 12 December to comment, you should still do so. If you object to this proposal then write to Taunton Deane with your objection now.

Based on the recent exhibition and feed back from parishioners the Parish Council has decided to object, believing that will be in the best interests of the village. We have had almost total support for this view. Our grounds for objection are:

1. Traffic:
 - a. the proposed development will impact on the roads through the village (especially Bishops Hull Road, Waterfield Drive, Netherclay, and Bishop's Hull Hill) and these are not capable of coping with the extra traffic that the proposed additional 220 houses will generate.
 - b. That the proposals for the Bishop's Hull / Wellington Road junction (no entry from Wellington Road) are an unreasonable imposition on the village.
2. That the land is not designated for housing within the current local plan.

In the event that planning consent is granted, the Parish Council needs to consider what conditions we should request to be applied to mitigate the adverse effects of the development on the village. Even if the application is rejected this time, a future application may well succeed.

Therefore the Parish Council would like to hear from you about what conditions you would like to see us request. These must be realistic. A couple of examples of what might be suggested are:

1. Creation of a continuous roadside footway along Bishops Hull Road from the village to Wellington Road;
2. Seek a substantial contribution for the funding for some communal facility.

We seek parishioners views, in writing please, to the Parish Clerk by 11 January.

Malcolm Summers (Chariman), on behalf of the Parish Council

My views on the development:

If consent is to be granted I would like to see the following conditions applied:

If community involvement is required would be prepared to help: Y N

Name: (optional)

Address: (optional but please give area of the village where you live)