

QUESTIONS TO THE LEADER

“BOROUGH OF REDDITCH LOCAL PLAN NO.4 AND REDDITCH HOUSING GROWTH CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS”

The following Questions to the Leader on the above subject have been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 9.2:

1. Mr David Rose

Why are Redditch Borough Council still advocating building between 600 and 3,400 houses in Webheath, when Redditch Borough Council Planning Committee on 22nd May, 2013 voted against Taylor Wimpey building 200 new houses, (which surely means that Redditch Borough Council have decided not to build in Webheath), because of poor highway infrastructure, over subscribed local schools, poor unsustainable infrastructures (including foul sewage) etc.? Please read the decision below many thanks

The RBC Planning Committee...

RESOLVED that

"having regard to the development Plan and to all other material considerations, Outline Planning Permission be REFUSED for the following reason:

“The proposed development is considered to be unsustainable due to the resultant additional traffic on the local road network, the lack of suitable infrastructure to support the development and the lack of contribution towards the wider highway network infrastructure. As such, it would cause harm to the safety and amenity of the residents of the Webheath area and the town of Redditch as a whole, contrary to Policies CS6 and CS7 of the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.3.”

(The Committee considered all of the points made by the public speakers and the information detailed in the Officer’s Update report for the meeting, which provided clarification on the overall number of representations received during the consultation processes and Officer and Counsel responses relating to various late representations made by the County Highway Authority and the Webheath Action Group, which had been received subsequent to the publication of the Agenda for the meeting.

Members raised a number of issues, in particular in relation to traffic impacts, the pumping of sewage uphill, the cumulative impact of the development, and contributions to the wider highway network in the Borough and beyond, and having taken everything into account, concluded that the proposed development was not sustainable for the reason detailed in the resolution above.)"

2. Mr Malcolm Glainger (Chair, Bentley Area Action Group)

If central government do not require Bromsgrove District Council to release green belt land for Redditch housing growth, where would RBC propose to build the extra 3400 houses within their own boundaries?