

Comments on Proposed Housing Developments in Fressingfield

John Shepherd Road 99 houses (1432/17) Post Mill Lane 24 (1648/17 Stradbroke Road
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- * Fressingfield is a small rural village of approximately 440 houses of which 350 are in the centre. 46 houses have been approved, but not yet build and a further 50 " windfall " houses could be expected
- * The 3 current Applications are for a total of 205 new houses in the centre of the village.
- * Fressingfield has been designated as a "Primary Village", expected to take 50 houses over 10 years, based on the facilities available. These have not changed since the designation.
- * The Parish Council feel that 50 homes over 10 years would be appropriate. (this figure has already been exceeded) and this is supported by 94% of villagers in a large randomised sample.

The proposed developments are unsustainable on the following grounds:-

- a) Highways. Roads are narrow. There are no cycle lanes. There is considerable on street parking. Frequently there are no footpaths and because of topography this is impossible to change. The road system is completely inadequate to support a major increase in traffic.
- b) Public Transport Only one bus each week.
- c) Employment Extremely limited opportunities locally.
- d) Education No secondary education locally. The primary school will be full with the houses approved but not yet built.
- e) Surgery The surgery and car park is at capacity. A new medical centre is professionally priced at £12m. There are no funds for a new build or expansion.
- f) Flooding Because we are surrounded by inclines flooding is a long term and recurrent problem, especially in Low Road, but also at the Swan Public House. The flooding has featured in "Look East".
- g) Sewage In Low Road egress of sewage on to the road and gardens at time of high rainfall has been a long term and recurrent problem. Sewerage problems in Post Mill are being investigated.
- h) CILS These payments will be insufficient to expand the school and inadequate to deal with any other infrastructure problems listed above .
- i) General impact All of the Applications markedly have a visual impact on the conservation area, the village as a "sense of place" and will erode the character of the village.

Benefit/disadvantage Ratio The disadvantages listed above seriously outweigh the very limited advantages of these proposed developments.

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