

Large Housing Development in Harlington Land West of the Railway Line, 400 Houses + new School

The proposal presents a **serious road safety risk for Children and Parents** accessing the new school via Station Road and the Railway Bridge by the station.

The development site is known as **HAS20 in the Local Plan**, an Outline Planning Application with Reference **CB/21/05416/OUT** has been submitted for this site and the Consultation Period is running until **28th January 2022**. This is the new date, extended from the 12th which was the date originally quoted in the letters which the council sent out.

We need to act now to reduce the impact it will have on the village in order to make it the safest it can be for all villagers both old and new.

At this stage, the **only** issues for consideration are related to the **access to the site** and specifically the **road safety concerns** arising from them. Villagers' comments following the Development Brief presentation in the Parish Hall showed that **road safety was the most recorded concern for residents**. However, very little has changed in this Application, and certain safeguards have even been omitted (eg the Railway Bridge at the Station), despite being identified as serious issues by the Planning Inspectors when they examined the Local Plan.

Please review carefully the access issues surrounding road safety. We hope you will wish to register your views in the public consultation phase by objecting to the application.

Main Issues:

To help you focus on the significant points and make a succinct and impactful response, we consider the main areas of safety concern to be:

- Pedestrian and cycle access to/from the village and the new school – longer and much more frequent journeys along Station Road which is already unsafe. Pedestrians will need make at least 5 road crossings to reach the school via the Station Road / Toddington Road route.
- Increased traffic volumes through the village over the Station Bridge and under Westoning Road bridge. Proposed traffic restrictions under Westoning Road Bridge will add to the gridlock at peak hours especially school start and finish times.
- There is going to be only a single main vehicular access point to the proposed development which is from Toddington Road, forcing increased traffic volumes on the Station Road / Toddington Road route.

A lot more detail can be found on this website:

<https://harlington.villagewiki.uk/>

How to help:

Please respond to this Planning Application with a valid objection, based on the road safety points above, information and links needed to do this can be found on the website link above.

You can also send an Email to Planning.Online@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk. Make sure you state the application number CB/21/05416/OUT and be clear that it is an objection.

Or write a **Write a letter** to the Planning Officer c/o Mr Stuart Kemp, Development Management, Central Bedfordshire Council, Priory House, Monks Way, Chicksands, Shefford, Bedfordshire SG17 5TQ. Make sure you state the application number CB/21/05416/OUT and **be clear that it is an objection**.