

Good moaning, Newport

GOOD MOANING NEWPORT is asking all readers who may have minor or major irritations concerning the village to write in & express their thoughts, opinions and suggestions on how they can be resolved. A lot of the time these can be sorted by just letting people know how we feel. Please no personal vendettas, or issues that should only be discussed with the local authorities or Police. No names or addresses will be published.

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Many of us have read in the local papers about new developments planned in our area. It is proposed that minimum of 370 houses are to be built in Newport. Although there is a real need for affordable housing in the area the proposed houses will more than likely be current market value dwellings.

We are lead to believe that local councils are having their hands forced by Government but the reality is residents and local councils do not want such developments. Developers may paint a positive picture by promising to improve roads and pedestrian safety but it is the infrastructure that will be impacted on most. It is not enough for a developer to propose more retail outlets, such as a Tesco Express or industrial units for businesses to provide local work. This is

not going to resolve the issues that are impacted by such developments.

With the possibility of over 370 new homes come many more cars on our roads, we will have to provide primary and secondary school places and health care. All utilities will have to be put in place gas, electric and water. Can you imagine the damage and disruption to our village once the developers, builders, utility suppliers with all the trucks and materials that will be needed descend on it? And that will just be the beginning!

We know we have no choice but to accept development but most of us live in a village because we want to, if we had wanted to live in a town we would have moved into a town. We must all stand up and be heard, otherwise Newport as we know and love it will be ruined and local businesses destroyed. Newport will not be improved by large-scale development.

We already have problems with parking in the village; we already have problems with heavy traffic at peak times. We have many empty industrial units large and small in Newport and the surrounding villages, why would we want more? Do we want to morph into Stansted? Let your voices be heard!

Keep our village a village and all the security, green space and relative peace and quiet that go with it. **NN**

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