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Question no. 54a – How Should North Duffield Grow?

Comments

Residential Growth is required, however with a school already full to capacity, a football club that has run out of land, a village shop with restricted parking and starting to potentially cause nuisance on the main street, I suggest rather than saying the village must grow by "X %", that strategic areas are found within the current curtilage of the village. The village itself is built on a triangular basis and greenfield land to all boundaries, any area of development will be contentious however keeping within the triangular parameters will help the village maintain its rural nature. One certain way of not impacting on the above points would be to do elderly / retirement bungalows that are less reliant on the services of the village as noted (i.e. more likely to walk to the shop)

Commercial Growth is difficult to assess, we have Whitmoor Business Park 2 mile away on the ND Parish Boundary, and also have Blackwood Hall as a small business Park, in the Skipwith boundary with some small units in the village. I would not feel it necessary to develop more commercial areas as I would classify this area as "non appropriate", one of the main reasons being that transportation links, weights restrictions, highways issues etc...and we already have sufficient choice.

If the vision statement for SDC is as follows:- **'By 2027 Selby District will be a distinctive rural District with an outstanding environment, a diverse economy and attractive, vibrant towns and villages. Residents will have a high quality of life and there will be a wide range of housing and job opportunities to help create socially balanced and sustainable communities, which are less dependant on surrounding towns and cities'.**

If the vision for the area is as quoted above, I find it totally inappropriate that we consider the use of Solar PV Farms in the area as a viable alternate option for Agricultural Land, in line with planning case in SDC that could set a precedent for the district (2104/1150/FUL). This single farm will replace agricultural land with 80'000 solar panels, 6Km of 8FT high fencing, multiple security cameras and light pollution, all adjacent to Skipwith Common Nature Reserve, with the loss of employment. Totally contradictory to the plan & its aspirations "...rural district with outstanding environment....attractive....job opportunities...."

if residential areas in SDC do grow, (in a sustainable and well planned manner, as there is no getting away from the shortage of housing in the UK), how are we expected to feed the residents if prime land is replaced with solar farms. Renewable Technology has a place in the UK, certain types of wind, more so offshore, development of wave power, utilisation of current redundant roof spaces for PV, development of low carbon technology to reduce household consumptions, are surely more viable options to consider.

Question no. 54b What else is needed in North Duffield that could be allocated a site?

Comments The village itself has the following amenities / facilities – Football Club, Cricket Club, Bowls Club, Pub, Shop, Village Hall, 2 places of worship, hairdressers, car repairs. If anything more amenity / playing land for sports & recreation is possibly required to promote healthier living.

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