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Dear Heselton

The Parish Councillors would like to comment on the Core strategy proposes to Hambleton. As in our previous correspondence in March 2010, we would like to reiterate that we do not consider your views placing Hambleton as a Primary village and although we would welcome more houses in the village this would only be as infill and not housing estates as there are not enough amenities in the village.

The Parish Council does not feel that by adding more houses into the village it would then mean the amenities would follow, as clearly they do not with the resent development of 90 houses.

Hambleton does not even have a doctor's surgery this went cica 20 years ago. The only amenities Hambleton has to offer is a village store, interior showroom, car showroom/garage, hairdressers and three public houses.

The public transport is also on the decline with the number of services being cut by arriva, thus making it difficult for any residents who do not have a car to travel to work early on a morning or for anyone returning from a night out.

The village school is already at full capacity with no room or monies for any further development. With the number of houses that you are proposing for this village would require a new school and new location as the present one is insufficient.

We would generally consider our village to be in the secondary village department due to the lack of amenities it has to offer residents.

The draft site proposal for Hambleton uses the old bypass line on the south side of Hambleton as the boundary for infill residential building, 40% affordable and travellers/gypsy sites. The line no longer exists on any plans as it was cancelled at a public enquiry and subsequent appeals. The line runs from within the playing field on the west to the roundabout on the east and is outside the village envelope.

The draft proposal for Thorpe Willoughby is to use mainly land to the west of Thorpe Willoughby for residential and traveller/gypsy sites. Most of this land falls within the Hambleton Parish boundary; this clearly needs updating on your records.

Middlebrook mushrooms site has also been considered and discarded as it is classed as open countryside, this is on a rural location and has no public transport and people would be isolated.

At present there are 774 houses in Hambleton, but you propose to allocate 916 houses to Hambleton plus traveller/gypsy sites anywhere within the line and 1257 houses to Thorpe Willoughby of which at least 763 and all of the traveller/gypsy sites appear to all fall within the Hambleton Parish. Therefore in reality there will be over 1679 proposed houses and traveller/gypsy sites to be within the Hambleton Parish, which Hambleton can clearly not accommodate and Thorpe Willoughby only need to accommodate 494 houses and no traveller/gypsy sites.

Although you mention Yorkshire Water would have to maintain the sewage/water system this would have to be carefully scrutinised as there are already problems within the village and this system that is in place already supports Gateforth as well.

The Parish Council feels that this proposal for housing would mean this village would triple in size and does not have the amenities or transport to support your plans therefore due to the inaccuracy of the information provided of the boundaries we would have to object to this draft and only support a number of houses such as sites 004 – land east of Cherwell Croft for 29 houses and sites 006 Mr Thompson site for 15 houses.

Trusting this meets with your requirements.

Yours sincerely

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