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Regards local facilities and transport links:

- Those within the village are limited, which means transport to Wotton or Yate for more choice.
- Public transport is very limited and there is no sign of any improvement since the recent expansion of houses started. Granted there is some public transport, but it is only of value if you can fit ones needs to the relatively infrequent times that it operates.

On the subject of transport I find the policy of building new houses in villages with limited public transport at odds with the environmental objective – both national and local – of reducing environmental pollution. The vast majority of residents need to travel to work, and for some take their children to school (see next comment), for which a car is virtually a necessity.

On schools, you note that the village school is at capacity, in fact even now some village children have to go to neighbouring villages. This can be disconcerting for the young children affected. It also means additional car journeys as parents transport them rather than walking to school.

The local secondary school, KLB, is also restricted on numbers following the expansion in housing in its catchment area. For those walking from Kingswood the footpath is not of a suitable standard and this is even more telling with the increased number using it. In particular it is very narrow in the area opposite the garage (Car Clinic) and thus poses a significant accident risk: the combination of large numbers of children and quite fast vehicles (not that many stick to the speed limit if there is an opportunity to ignore it).

In summary, I believe the village has already expanded beyond its limitations regards facilities and transport links and should not undergo further expansion until these are addressed.

Regards,

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