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EB98

Q/4

This data shows no base line from which the evidence is given in relation to Cam. This is crucial as none of the existing road safety/improvements promises have been delivered. Littlecoombe's relief road has yet to be opened because the improvements promised have yet to be delivered eg; traffic calming etc. The improvements to Box Road junction which have so far failed to materialise. The improvements to Cam pitch roundabouts top and bottom, which are both already at capacity and due to this encourage traffic to use Everlands as a rat run.

Cam and Dursley rail station, already woefully oversubscribed, with no planned improvements in the near future leading to commuters parking along an already narrow road and eventually onto the Millfields development.

There is no current plan for employment use on the Millfields development so no new employment which will deter locals from buying these new builds even if they were affordable. In fact most of these new homes are currently bought by those from outside of Cam, who commute to towns and cities outside of the area. This in itself will lead to more strain on an already stretched infrastructure, of mainly narrow roads that were built to accommodate a small town and village, not the huge amounts of traffic they are having to cope with, including the vast amount of building work traffic which is already ruining this beautiful village.

All of this traffic at peak times is causing much more pollution, dust and safety risks to local residents on a daily basis and will certainly increase with the additional volume of traffic.

There has been a large increase in population with the already built new estates alongside this there has been a sharp decline in public transport, with little or no reliable public transport in this rural area, people have no option but to use their cars, which with the added population is increasing the traffic volume.

With no reliable public transport at peak times around the existing local schools and with such large catchment areas to those schools not currently oversubscribed, the traffic indicators used seem totally undersubscribed

Q/5

The highways report fails to see the growth in traffic likely from this growth in population, with most houses having at least two vehicles. They also over estimate the employment opportunities, which will actually account for a fraction of the homes planned to be built.

Therefore the movement indicated for POS24 and PS25 bears no relation to the realistic movements likely when developed, especially with all the current promised local road improvements having failed to materialise.

EB108

Q6/

Due to increased planned development numbers for PS24/25 the STSA which was based on the draft local plan, can have no reliable figures.

It has been noted in the IDP, that supported the local plan that as a result of PS24/25 there will be further negative impacts on Cam residents from increased traffic pollution, further congestion and parking issues. With no highlighted improvements. From any parties or Gloucestershire highways.

Q7

It is clear there is a funding gap between what is promised and what is delivered, with no funding appearing to be allocated to ease any of the negative aspects as outlined in both the STS and IDP both supporting the Local Plan The local neighbourhood plan made recommendations that have not been reflected within the planning assessments for PS24/25. One can only conclude that PS24/25 will give Cam residents increased traffic, pollution and congestion on their roads.

EB109

Q8/

With no clarity on timing and funding of the delivery plan, it can only be assumed there will be further uncertainty that any of the aims/ promises will be in place or reached before the planned decisions on PS24/25 Q9/ The lack of improvements yet to completed following the almost completion of Littlecoombe Estate, does not give confidence to Cam residents that any further promises of road safety improvements and transport links will materialise. The taxpayer funded consultations go unheeded by the builders and therefore no reflections from the Local Plan nor supporting IDP are implemented. There is currently no funding allocated due to lack of realistic data.

Q13/

2.2

Most of the local schools are at capacity or over subscribed and the current population has increased but according to SDC the population has reduced or remained static.

3.3.2

The river Cam has reached capacity already from the discharge and run off from Littlecoombe Estate. This was in 2021, before the Estate was finished, and is still far from finished. Residents of Cam further downstream have real concerns that this risk has not been further investigated satisfactorily . More flood alerts have been issued more frequently and further back upstream there have been significant floods to properties. Guidance within POS25 and PLG25 have clearly stated that such impacts must be assessed.

3.3.2

PS25 has been identified as being at risk to further development and the run off from up to 180 more houses will have a hugely negative impact on the River and the bio diversity of the beautiful area. The recent request to further increase the number of houses from 180 to 315 will prove disastrous

3.5.5

This area is full of wild life and is of immense importance and value to the residents of Cam. It has been invaluable during the pandemic and is treasured by all who use it, yet again our wildlife is at risk from greedy land owners and profit making developers who care nothing for the surroundings they ruin whilst turning a wildlife haven into a concrete jungle. Why create green spaces within the plans when we already have one

3.3.4

There is no concrete evidence for increased provision for Doctors, dentists or general healthcare, instead they are relying on the already overstretched surgeries and private provision for dentistry Q14/ The majority of local schools are over subscribed, forcing local residents further afield, little or no pre school allocation and nursery schools all privately funded. There are no premises or provisions shown for these vital services. Partly down to lack of any employment provision within these developments, which will cause further suffering to local residents as more places are taken by these new houses due to lack of capacity in this already stretched sector, .

Q23/

There are no large employers within Cam. Although Cam Mills is noted as a large employer it employs around 60 people and is currently fully staffed. Listers and Mawdsleys employed around 6,000, both have long gone along with most other employment opportunities. Cam is currently a low skill low wage community that does not encourage those from further afield to work here, most new arrivals commute to work whilst using already overstretched local services. Cam is in real danger of becoming an urban sprawl of soulless houses with no real employment prospects, it will lose its identity, value and charm. The very selling point these builders rely on is the rural idyll they are selling, when in fact they are decimating it for the existing residents, wildlife and future generations

Q24

The accessibility assessment is seriously flawed, as without concrete evidence based data to support any additional development, and no understanding of the oversubscribed schools and lack of suitable well paid employment within the area how can this assessment be credible

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