



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Sarah Kay
Planning Manager
Bolsover District Council
The Arc, High Street
Clowne, S43 4JY

22 January 2024

Dear Sarah,

Re: Clowne Garden Village (17/00640/OUT)

I write further to my letter of 4 September 2023, where I outlined my opposition to the Clowne Garden Village proposals to the impact on public services and infrastructure, in particular our local road network.

Since this letter I have undertaken a survey of the local community which has been completed by 276 residents. The results are outlined below:

Do you support or oppose the Clowne Garden Village proposals?

- Support: 4% (12)
- Oppose: 95% (261)
- Don't Know: 1% (3)

From your experience living locally, do you think our public services and infrastructure will cope with an additional 1,800 houses?

- No: 97% (268)
- Yes: 3% (8)

What are your TWO biggest concerns for the development?

- Impact on local healthcare like access to GP services and dentists = 39% (109)
- Environmental issues like flooding and wildlife protection = 41% (113)
- Overdevelopment i.e., the size/scale of the proposals = 39% (108)
- Lack of affordable housing = 9% (24)
- An additional 3,000 cars on our road network = 58% (159)
- Impact on local education like school places: 26% (72)
- Loss of green space: 22% (60)
- I do not have any concerns: 3% (7)



The results are incontrovertible. I sincerely hope you will strongly consider the feedback from this survey and not approve these proposals. I have also attached additional comments made by residents for your consideration.

Furthermore, I would like to outline the damning recent response regarding Clowne Garden Village from Derbyshire County Council:

"Therefore, the current conclusion of Derbyshire County Council as Local Highway Authority is that insufficient information has been submitted with this planning application in relation to its transport strategy. It has therefore not been demonstrated that the development is acceptable in transport terms or that appropriate access and travel options can be delivered as part of the proposals."

I do not see how the development can go ahead without the approval of the Local Highways Authority. I urge you to strongly consider the concerns of stakeholders like Severn Trent, National Highways, Derbyshire County Council, but most importantly, local residents – 95% of who oppose the development according to my survey.

Opposition to the proposals are clear. Whether that's hundreds of planning objections, over 1,300 signatures on a local petition by the Clowne Garden Village Action Group, my own experience knocking on doors in Clowne and Barlborough, or the overwhelming opposition from the results of my survey.

To ignore the views of local residents would be a complete dereliction of duty to Clowne and Barlborough. To put it simply, how can a proposal with such overwhelming opposition proceed? It is a genuine question asked by most local residents who would quite rightly feel ignored should the proposals go ahead.

Whilst I have no control over planning, I will continue to represent the views of my constituents, and I hope that common sense prevails.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark Fletcher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

MARK FLETCHER MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR BOLSOVER