**BRA BULLETIN – AN ADDITIONAL 10 DWELLINGS IN MOOR LANE?**

Dear Member

Many apologies for disturbing your preparations for Christmas, but we have only just become aware of an application for 10 new dwellings on “Summervale” in Moor Lane, off Station Road, beyond the fields where Taylor Wimpey are currently building 65 properties.

“Summervale” is a house located almost at the end of Moor Lane, just before it emerges into fields. It has much land, and the owners have submitted a planning application for 10 new houses, while retaining the present property.

An application was submitted 2 years ago, to which BRA and the Parish Council objected. North Somerset Council refused it.

**A new, but almost identical, application (ref 19/P/1747/OUT) has been submitted with a deadline for commenting of Thursday, 2 January 2020.**

Whilst some might argue this development would reduce the shortage of suitable houses in the village, BRA intends to object for the following reasons:

* This end of Moor Lane is far too narrow to cope with a likely further 10 – 15 cars, and there is no room for a pavement. The lane is not capable of taking significant traffic.
* Moor Lane will struggle to cope with the additional traffic caused by the 65 new houses currently being built, at the Station Road junction, while also adding to the volume of traffic on Station Road. Traffic from 10 more dwellings will only increase this problem near the railway bridge.
* The site is outside the settlement boundary, and was not identified for housing   in the Neighbourhood Plan.
* The design and layout are out of character with this part of the village.

The application can be viewed on:[**https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=PURY6BLPG5100&activeTab=summary**](https://planning.n-somerset.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?keyVal=PURY6BLPG5100&activeTab=summary)

Once here you can use the “make a comment” tab to record your view.

**At the moment the planning website does not have a single comment. If you can make one, in your own words, no matter how short, it will be considered.**

From your BRA Committee 14th December 2019

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