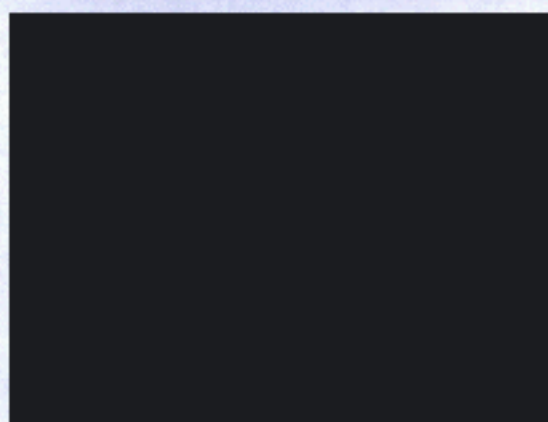


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Dear Sirs,

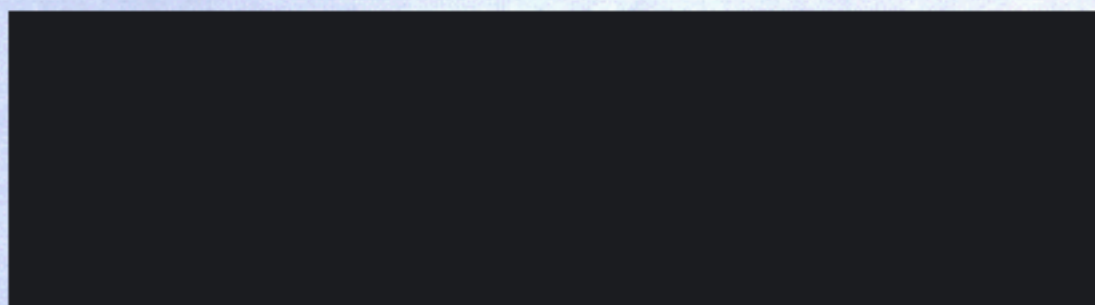
1250 additional dwellings? This is the typical size of a large village in England. So, the idea is to put a village-inside-a-village - a sort of 'Trojan Horse' exercise? Is this why documentation now refers to Southbourne as a 'settlement hub' and not a 'village', I wonder?

Clearly, the reference to provide 'acoustic screening' from the noise of the A27, indicates the intention is to build much of this additional housing on existing farmland north of the A259. This is against the principles of the democratically approved Southbourne Neighbourhood Plan which established criteria that placed new large developments with direct access to the A259, as any alternative would place unbearable strain on the Stein Road level crossing. As an example, yesterday morning at 8:20am, the north-side queue of traffic 'stuck' at the level crossing stretched from the Bourne School car-park to the level crossing, backing up into both Park Road and Clovelly Road, along Stein Road to Kelsey Avenue! And, by the way, during this episode of ten minutes or so, one could 'taste' the pollution from the traffic! This will be made worse with more local traffic and the removal of the 'breathing space' of open farmland as this proposal indicates!

I acknowledge the passing references to the need to improve the local infrastructure - but, the only one that states 'before the delivery of development' relates to wastewater. 1250 additional dwellings equate roughly to 5000 additional people and 2500 additional vehicles being brought into the locality. If this to be considered seriously, the infrastructure upgrade need to be in place before ANY of the development occurs, including a new A259/A27 link. The existing facilities for local people are already at breaking-point and this is before the existing large builds within the village are complete and occupied!

I could nit-pick your 'Policy AL13: Southbourne Parish' statements, but long letters are not read in these processes. Another 1250 dwellings? It has to be a non-starter. Simple as that!

Yours faithfully,



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