

43 West View

Creech St Michael

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FAO Planning Department

Taunton Deane Borough Council

I write to protest against the planning application submitted by Gladmans to build a further 200 houses in Creech St Michael.

This is a step too far for this village. Let me be clear I am not opposed to building new houses in what have been traditionally rural areas because I accept the national need for more new housing.

100 houses have been built by David Wilson overlooking the bottom of my garden at West View and at the time I protested due to what I thought was indisputable highway issues in Hyde Lane with the proximity of the school and the high volume of traffic which 100 houses would add to the existing problems of traffic in Creech St Michael.

The building went ahead regardless and cynically Highways were complicit in allowing this development.

However two years on the problems continue with the unchanged infrastructure of this village and road systems overwhelmed. Creech St Michael has seen massive housing development (including the ongoing development at Larks Fleet) disproportionate to other villages and systematically we are being absorbed as a suburb of Taunton.

Gladmans clearly see this village as fair game to plant another 200 houses on agricultural/green belt land with total contempt for the further problems and anguish this will cause to the residents of this village.

The fields they wish to build are at high level on ground above the village and new housing which typically would be two and a half storeys high would dominate and change the whole character of Creech St Michael.

I urge you to refuse this planning proposal and give a clear message to the people who pay their council tax to Taunton Deane that there is a point when you say enough is enough for one village and that you will not stand by and watch a village steeped in history and heritage lose for ever its identity

Yours Sincerely

Chris & Cathy Brown

