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***FEEDBACK STARTS BELOW:***

I have had little time to try and digest all of the information contained in this Development Plan so unable to give a detailed response. However, I would like to make some comments based upon my experiences in King's Somborne – a quintessentially beautiful and tranquil English Country Village that deserves a high degree of Environmental protection lest we lose this accolade.

It is not clear from the document what the evidence was of any studies that have been made to justify the demands for more housing within King's Somborne having very limited infrastructure and facilities available or indeed opportunities for their development.

I believe that only a limited amount of additional housing will be required to fulfil the needs of natural development of the Village, but am sure this should not be in the form of housing estates requiring in particular, as seems to be the case within this Development Plan, new access roads, with increasing pressures on existing infrastructure including existing narrow roads, water supplies and sewage treatment etc.

It is suggested that there will be pressure from existing local residents wishing to downsize into 2/3 bedroom houses.

Affordable housing providing 2 bedroom houses for the Village's younger people should also be a priority allowing them and their new families to continue living in the Village. I am sorry to see that the expectation in this regard is to rely solely on gains from the 'Social Housing' allocation when and if larger estates of houses are built.

Development of these 2/3 bedroom houses should in part I believe, be on identified sites close to the village centre with easy access, especially with the increasing requirement for 'care in the home' allowing for easier access to public transport and facilities that are provided in the Village centre for those unable to drive.

There has been mention of the 'Allotments area' recently as being a potential asset for development providing that an alternative site can be found. It seems that the benefits of this well positioned parcel of land should be fully investigated by TVBC and the Parish Council as an absolute priority.

Once off of the A3057, throughout King's Somborne, especially north of Winchester Road, the road network is narrow and at times difficult to negotiate safely even with the current volume of traffic.

It is proposed to access sites KS7 and KS5 using two of the narrowest access roads in the Village. Site KS5, via Muss Lane is totally ridiculous to contemplate. Being single track for most of the length it would be a disaster in waiting, both on safety and Environmental grounds and surely could not be supported by the Highways Authority.

Similarly, site KS7 would need to use New Lane an equally difficult single track carriageway, currently accessed via a Ford and subject to flooding in the south or north onto the A3057 at a potentially very dangerous junction.

In the longer term, looking at the layout of King's Somborne, it is so very clear to see that given the pressure for house building from Developers, if approval is considered and granted for K5 and K7 then, before very long, there will be pressure and application to infill right up to the A3057 from Winchester Road, simply Urbanising this part of the Village and using New Lane as the Eastern boundary and destroying the ambience of the Village when viewed from this aspect. These potential new developments would, in all likelihood, have a large percentage of larger properties, each with an average of three cars. There being no public transport in these two areas and certainly none along New Lane, much of the traffic to and from these new areas of housing development would have to go through the Village using the existing narrow road network to gain access onto the A3057.

I would like to thank all those involved in formulating this NDP.