Dear Mrs Peel,

Blofield Parish Council has now had an opportunity to consider the above planning application and wishes to raise **strong** objections on the following grounds:-

- The Design & Access Statement is full of inaccuracies.
- Dawsons Lane is located in Blofield Heath, not Blofield and this mistake is repeated numerous times, neither does the A47 pass through the village of Blofield Heath.
- No information has been provided about the number of bedrooms each dwelling would have.
- The current Dawsons Lane is a private lane, characterised with potholes and loose materials – only wide enough for one car. The lane provides access to 3 further dwellings and stables. The Council cannot see how the Lane can be made wider to accommodate two cars and doubt the land required to do so is in the applicants possession, judging by the hedging and brick walls on the neighbouring properties.
- The applicant also seeks to install a footpath from Dawsons Lane to link up with the one at Skedge Way, which although is commendable and welcomed, there are questions if the land required is in Highways ownership to facilitate this as numerous vehicles are currently parked on the verge of what I assume is land belonging to the homeowners?
- The application site is outside the settlement boundary of Blofield Heath.
- There is a need for an archaeological survey on the land due to it’s history.
- The supplied plans imply that the enhanced road will also accommodate a footpath. I cannot see how the applicant can achieve this without encroaching on the neighbouring properties boundary walls.

Taking into account the Neighbourhood Plan for Blofield the Parish Council would also strongly object to this planning application on the following neighbourhood planning policies: -

NP HOU 1 – Lacking inclusion of affordable or social housing therefore means this policy has not been met. There is insufficient detail in the Design & Access Statement to see what other elements may / may not be supported.
NP HOU2 – There is no detail so cannot comment – assume not.
NP HOU 4 – Current dwellings in the immediate area are bungalows. With only 1 two storey dwelling located to the North of the application, I do not feel this is in keeping with the surrounding area.
NP HOU 5 – No information provided – therefore would have to assume that this application doesn’t conform.
NP ENV 2 – No details provided – plans make no mention of hedging etc so assume non compliance

NP ENV 3 – No details provided about how surface water and sewage is to be treated, therefore assume non compliance. Also have concerns as to the extent of possible flooding issues with the properties to the south of the site due to run off etc from the proposed development.

NP ENV 4 – Current land use is agricultural usage – therefore this is a big red flag.

NP ENV 5 – No mention of streetlights on the development.

NP SER 1 – Another 8 houses, possibly aimed at families combined with the Bennetts development of 36 dwellings and the ongoing Jenkinsons debate can only add pressure to the issue of Primary School places in the area.

NP SER 3 - Another 8 houses, possibly aimed at families combined with the Bennetts development of 36 dwellings and the ongoing Jenkinsons debate can only add pressure to the issue of patient places in the area.

NP TRA 1 – I cannot see how the applicant owns the land required to upgrade Dawsons Lane to a two carriageway road plus footpath without encroachment onto the neighbouring properties boundaries.

NP TRA 3 - Although the addition of a footpath is welcomed, I am unsure of land ownership for the proposed route of the footpath and would require further information / confirmation from Highways if the land is in their ownership to facilitate making the footpath a reality.

As a further note to this the Parish Council has been receiving strong objections and views from its Parishioners and we have encouraged them to write to you with their views.

Kindest regards

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