

Sirs / Mesdames

I write with reference to the Local Plan for Upper Clatford and our own Neighbourhood Development Plan, the latter detailing the villagers' wishes.

Whilst recognising the vision for the village proposed by The Plan, I would like to promote a local's views, which, I hope you will agree, could enhance it, if taken on board.

I am 71 years old and live on the main village thoroughfare. Whilst I love living in the village, I do recognise that we do not have all the amenities offered by some villages, eg Goodworth Clatford and should therefore be in Tier 4 rather than the proposed Tier 3. Although Goodworth Clatford is only a mile and a half distant, it is not safe to walk along the main road because of the traffic and, whilst that is true for me, it is even more apposite for people with small children, pushchairs, wheelchairs or mobility scooters. Whilst I could cycle and risk the traffic, children could not. Buses are not an option.

Secondly, I feel it is important to the identity of Upper Clatford as a village to maintain a physical distance from Andover. The village community is really important to me; I am a widow alone and value the sense of community and belonging very highly. At the same time, I cherish walking or cycling into town along our lovely rural route but would not feel the same way at all if it was a path through buildings. We all know the importance of fresh country air and minimising the use of cars. Maintaining the Local Green Spaces allows wildlife to flourish and ancient landscapes to be preserved. Discharging sewage into the Pillhill Brook must, obviously, be minimised or stopped. We accept that some building may be needed and this has been achieved successfully by infill rather than encroaching on the countryside. Any building that is allowed, anywhere, should be accompanied by strict guidelines on improving the wastewater infrastructure.

I hope you will consider my comments carefull.

With kind regards

Yours faithfully

Jennifer Prince

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