

Charlotte Bogg

From: Alan Waugh
Sent: 09 December 2015 20:52
To: Charlotte Bogg
Subject: Ampleforth development objection

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to object strongly to the two proposed sites for development at the West End of Ampleforth (numbered 616 and 111 on the plan).

These proposed developments would have immense visual impact and irreversibly change the character and appearance of the village, in what is (at the moment) a designated Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty that borders directly onto the National Park. In addition, the proposed development areas border on the Ampleforth Conservation Area, indicating that this area has already been recognised as particularly worthy of conservation and preservation in its current state.

The development of these proposed sites would irretrievably damage the Ampleforth Conservation Area; it would intrude upon open agricultural land (land which is outside the limits for further development established in the 2002 Local Plan) and disrupt the appearance of this part of the village, which attracts many tourists to the area - upon which a number of local businesses depend. There is no over-riding need for even more housing in the village (especially following the development of the Abbey View housing estate along Station Road) and developing either of the proposed sites (numbered 616 and 111 on the plan) would conflict with the aims of local planning policies.

In addition, road safety and traffic control and management are a real issue; the chaos resulting from the resurfacing of the 'concrete hill' road up Knoll Hill (a 14% gradient, which forms an integral part of the caravan route avoiding Sutton Bank) this summer, and the regular, annual disruption caused by increased traffic when Sutton Bank is closed should - in and of itself - preclude the development of these sites. As the parents of two children under 5 years old (and as carers for my elderly mother who suffers from Alzheimers disease and with whom we live) we have real concerns about the issue of increased traffic just outside our home.

Please refuse planning permission for any development of these sites.

Yours faithfully,

Alan and Mainza Waugh,