

Submission regarding proposal to build housing within Amotherby village.

We have previously made our views known to the Parish Council but after attending a public meeting on this topic and having had the opportunity to listen to the views of others we would now like to not only reiterate our opinions but add some further thought.

Re: Site 148

During the relatively short period of time that we have lived in Amotherby we have come to realise that there are two major issues giving concern to villagers. The first undoubtedly being School traffic parking and the second flooding in Main Street following a sudden downpour. With these problems in mind we would like the Council to consider the following.

The flooding is caused by the inability of the main sewer being able to cope with the amount of water gushing down Amotherby Lane. The prognosis is that the weather is likely to get worse over the coming years and flash flooding to happen more often. Bearing in mind that the site in question is on a considerable slope, effectively hard landscaping the site would in effect exacerbate the flooding problem as the water would eventually have to be channelled into the main sewer in Main Street. This doesn't happen at the moment as the land is able to soak up excess water.

Secondly to build on this land would destroy any chance of solving the parking problem. A car park could be built on the flat area near the school without causing a flooding issue although it is accepted that access is a problem but one that is not insurmountable.

Furthermore it is likely that in the near future with a rising population the school numbers will rise resulting in a need to expand the whole school area not only classrooms but also outside sports areas. To build on this land could be very short sighted

To develop this site would effectively be adding to what in the City has become known as "urban sprawl" and in my view we should be looking to build within the village and minimising building on greenbelt land.

In conclusion and after attending the public meeting, it is our view that the majority of people present seemed to favour sites 635 and 371. These are within the main village area and would give easy access to existing essential services. Also developing site number 371 would effectively tidy up what is currently considered to be something of an eyesore.

Whichever site is chosen we feel it should be appropriate in size to the number of houses to be built.

John and Barbara Jones