

## Statement to Cabinet by Tony Marwood, Clutton PC

Councillors, although we are not one of the 7 sites shortlisted, I wish to comment on behalf of Clutton PC on our inclusion as a potential site.

GTTSP people suffer with bad health, low life expectancy, get few services and facilities, so following last year's call for sites, it was clear that Clutton did not have any sites that fulfilled the need from within the Parish. Similarly, their plight cannot be improved or even stabilised by living in a rural community which has little or no local facilities whatsoever, and that's not just in Clutton, but most Villages across B&NES.

From the 'Site Scoring Matrix' :-

- The nearest full sized shop is Tesco's at Midsomer Norton, and that is in miles away, not metres.
- A safe route to the School rates 3, this is completely wrong as there is no safe route to the school. The road has no pavements.
- The Doctors Surgery is 1.4 miles away, this again is only reached by roads with no pavements.
- Transport Node value of 3 relates to a bus from outside the Post Office which only runs once a day with a 30 minute stay in Bath. This is not a meaningful service. In any event the Bus Stop can only be reached by a road with no pavements.
- Site Screening is 1, but the matrix has completely omitted the Public Right of Way CL6/7 which runs diagonally across the site, and negates any screening or privacy.
- Classing the Flood Risk as 0 is untrue, the site regularly swamps, and is very difficult to negotiate without wellingtons as is well known by those who use the footpath. It is bordered by two streams, and often resembles the Glastonbury Festival on a bad year. It is damp, and there is no evacuation of the surface water.
- Contaminated Land rates 0, but this site was the run-off from the Clutton Sewage Works which existed up until the 1970's when a pumping station was installed. There will be resultant containments, and any new foul water, sewage, or oil from servicing vehicles has to be pumped back to the pumping station, or discharged straight into the streams bordering the site.
- 5 for Hazardous Place ignores the immediate proximity to the sewage pumping station.

- If safe access to Highways scores 5, why then did the owner of the land, which is the only access to this site, and which needs his permission to cross, have a planning application turned down because of the dangerous access onto the highway.
- Adequate Turning scores 1, but is compromised by the proximity of the Public Footpath.
- Contrary to scoring 1, the existing road network cannot cope with additional vehicles especially Vans and Caravans, there are very narrow country lanes throughout the village where two cars have difficulty passing.

I am unsure how wide B&NES has cast its net in its Site search, but other than the site is B&NES free land, we can see no merit whatsoever in considering it. May we suggest that there are many potential sites along the old Bath Bristol Midland Railway route, and along the Avon River corridor, which can deliver the opportunities needed, and which would provide ready accessibility to all the essential facilities and services that are so important to the welfare of these members of our society.

Thank you for listening, and hopefully you now recognise just how totally unsuitable Clutton is. Lastly, I ask that our rejection which says "The site should not be allocated due to the impact on the wider landscape" is replaced with the words "This land is NOT SUITABLE for use as a GTTSP site".