

I live in Whitchurch Village

I was relieved when I read The Inspectors had listened to our pleas against proposed plans for road and housing but we cannot raise banners yet!

Whitchurch has doubled in size over recent years and even A B&NES "Must visit popular attraction" is now a house farm 250 houses

I do not understand why housing numbers given by Central Government are not challenged by Local County Councils and the surveys they must do are not open to public for scrutiny. I have tried to find origins to no avail perhaps the numbers are plucked from the air used on so many documents they become real or perhaps they come from modellers sitting behind computer screens and only know Whitchurch from a Google Map. This would make sense why Whitchurch and Keynsham are used to prop up B&NES housing needs.

I have attended meetings and workshops held by councils showing plans and at all officials have told us if the housing was rejected the road would also be cancelled. This made us feel secure as we didn't believe anyone would allow a Garden Town (whatever that is) to ruin our village and more of our Green Belt.

I was shocked to hear WECA made decisions about Roads and it was not B&NES WECA was approached and yes you know B&NES is the decision maker so I take from this we are safe.

The road would destroy a Cricket Field Rugby and Football pitches and a well used childrens' play area this was purchased from the council by residents for the parish

A proposed Park and Ride at the entrance to the village would be not be appropriate as everyone knows this increases traffic and pollution so with that off the plan we can breathe more easily.

Thank you for listening

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