

## Statement from Mary Walsh one of the founder members of Whitchurch Village Action Group

This visit to the Guild Hall is the first time in the many years that I feel progress can be made to keep our village a safer place to live without fear of added pollution and more destruction of the precious Green Belt which future generations will thank us for.

When I heard there was to be another meeting for us to attend I felt like Brenda from Bristol when she was told there was to be another election "Not another one!"

But having read the Inspector's response my comment was this is the first time we are being fairly treated. The inspectors were not locals and seemingly could see what we were saying but no one else seemed to understand.

We always felt Whitchurch was a dumping ground for B&NES to fulfil housing numbers for central government. I drive to Keynsham regularly and expect it to join to Whitchurch any day soon.

The definition of Village is assemblage of dwellings in a country district but smaller than a town but it seems someone must have suggested a Garden Town for Whitchurch looked on a Google map saw a patch of green as far away from Bath as possible but within the B&NES boundary.

You can see why Fairness is all we ask. I was always told you must give an alternative if you are not happy So again this is my suggestion No precious villages all treated the same as they were in the 1950s with small developments built in most to enable locals to live in the areas where they were brought up.

I realise that the profits would not satisfy developers but perhaps small builders could be approached.

I would ask has a survey been prepared to establish if a road could be built from Chelwood to the motorway system. I have been told it would be too costly but cannot find a survey report.

The village of Pensford which also has a pollution problem would benefit in the future if a road was constructed. The heavy goods vehicles that pass daily must be frightening to the residents you can see the number of small accidents by counting the car and lorry wing mirrors under the wall leaving the village.

The A37 is not able to cope now. Rarely can I join the road without a wait So please help us make Whitchurch a cleaner place to live. Bristol City Council permitted hundreds of houses to be built on farmland in Whitchurch Bristol in the 1960s and 70s When a housing survey was carried out Whitchurch Bristol and Whitchurch Village were lumped together and the outcome was more houses for Whitchurch Village these statistics were flawed and the plans that stemmed from them were untenable.

Thank you for listening to my rant

Mary Walsh

