

OBJECTION to inclusion of site PS44 in the Local Plan

I am writing to OBJECT to the proposed development “PS44” Northwest of Whitminster Lane, Frampton-on-Severn in the local plan.

I do not consider the plan a sound one due to the hard and soft infrastructure available at the site, my reasons for objection are:

Hard Infrastructure:

Flood & Waste (Sewerage) – The field in question is waterlogged in the autumn and winter each year and there are already significant flood/drainage issues on the north-end of Lake Lane. These issues have been increasing since development in nearby Whitminster increased pressure on the local drainage system and will not be relieved without significant investment and disruption.

Energy – There are high voltage overhead power lines running across the proposed site that would need to be moved.

Transport (Access) – The site is only accessible at two points, neither are safe or suitable –

- 1) On Whitminster Lane – too close to the doctor’s surgery exit and on a double bend
- 2) Via Oatfield Road – Currently a quiet cul-de-sac an access via here would significantly increase traffic and bring it past a popular children’s playground.

Soft Infrastructure

Schools –

Preschool – Limited options, Places are scarce.

Primary - Frampton’s Lakefield Primary School is already at capacity as is Whitminster. Narrow scope to improve the buildings.

Secondary – Secondary school catchment areas have changed seeing many Frampton pupils not gain entry to their first-choice secondary school and dramatically increasing bus-fares.

Doctor’s Surgery – Service has already declined due to increased demand from Overbury & Whitminster sites without matching improvements to building or facilities.

Other

Green Space + Separation - PS44 is currently a designated green space in the community design statement and outside the settlement boundary designed to preserve the separation between Frampton Village and Oatfield Hamlet.

Alternatives/Existing Options – There is already existing permission for 21 houses in Lake Lane that has not yet been developed (I suspect due to some of the issues listed above), until that option has been exercised the inclusion of site PS44 in the local plan is unnecessary.