

Dickens Heath Parish Council Views on the Proposals for a New Settlement at Fulford Green in Tidbury Green Parish by Summix Ltd.

Dickens Heath Parish Council has received indicative details of the proposals by Summix Ltd for an 1,800 new village housing settlement at Fulford Green adjacent to the Earlswood Rail Station.

This implies that the council would have a shortfall in its Local Plan Housing Provision with which Dickens Heath Parish Council would strongly disagree and are supportive of the numbers within the Draft Solihull Plan.

Housing Numbers finally are a matter for the Inspectors to test on evidence in the current hearings.

The view of Dickens Heath Parish Council is in opposition to these proposals and members have attended a number of public meetings with local residents' groups together with other Parish Councillors from adjacent Parishes.

Dickens Heath Parish Council views this development proposal as an inappropriate further erosion of Greenbelt in an area with inadequate highway, transport links and infrastructure to accommodate such a large scale new settlement.

The proposal is seen to have a serious adverse impact on the Dickens Heath parish highway and infrastructure network of secondary lanes that are already experiencing significant levels of congestion.

Attention is also drawn to existing experience of flooding within the Dickens Heath village causing extensive damage to residential properties and raising concerns that further local intensive development of this nature would adversely impact on the village.

Attention is also drawn that the Blythe Ward Area is already the subject of a disproportionate level of new housing concentration approaching some 40% of the proposed new housing allocation within the Draft Local Plan.

The Parish Council view is that in the event that additional housing was to be required, then alternative locations should be considered elsewhere in Solihull. While the Parish Council are uncertain of how this submission will be addressed within the present examination, the Parish Council believes it important that its views are brought to the Inspectors' attention.