

**Revised Planning Application S.08/0408/FUL  
Proposed Development at Bath Road, Leonard Stanley**

**Response from Leonard Stanley Parish Council – July 2008**

The Parish Council is pleased that many of their original concerns have been addressed. However, we do not believe that **any** development should be given the go-ahead unless the Highways department puts into place a design that ensures the safety of the area for all users.

**Highways/Bath Road – Local Plan GE5**

It is absolutely essential that the Parish Council receives a firm guarantee appropriate traffic calming measures will be installed on the Bath Road and that considerable improvements are made to the surfacing in that area. We would also wish to see appropriate signage to warn/slow the traffic from both directions before work on the development begins. At the time of writing, the Parish Council has seen no paperwork from the Highways department and is having to rely on second-hand information. It is essential that some consultation takes place between the Highways department and those who have to live with the results of their actions.

The Parish Council would like to see a safe form of crossing, where the emphasis is put on the traffic to stop to allow pedestrians to cross, i.e. a zebra or puffin crossing with appropriate warning signage. We feel that the proposed dropped kerbs are completely inadequate.

We remain extremely concerned that the lack of overflow car parking for visitors or residents in the affordable housing will lead to parking overspill on the Bath Road. We consider this completely unacceptable as in our view this will inevitably lead to accidents on this very dangerous stretch of road.

We are appalled that only £45000 has been requested using the S106 in connection with Highways, and yet £50000 has been requested in respect of open public spaces. Similarly, a considerable amount of money is to be wasted providing hard standing at a bus stop which exists for only one bus a week. This is money which could be more usefully spent on road improvements.

Pavements along this stretch of Bath Road need to be improved to allow children to walk safely to school. The current paths are very narrow and in poor condition.

**It is the Parish Council's top priority that the issue of Road Safety is addressed to our satisfaction.**

## **Design**

We would like to see a 3D model of the proposed development, showing the brick colours as appropriate, so that we can more accurately assess the impact on the surrounding area and judge whether an appropriate ratio of Cotswold stone to red brick is being used.

## **Environmental**

We welcome the 10% reduction in carbon admissions, although still await the details. We would of course like to see as many environmentally friendly features as possible, with an emphasis on ensuring lowering energy bills for the affordable housing.

## **Pond**

The Parish Council would like assurances that the balancing pond will be maintained by the District Council.

**If the Highways and the other issues are dealt with accordingly, then the Parish Council would support the revised application.**