

## **Tibberton Parish Council Statement**

OBJECTION to the Forest of Dean District Council Local Plan Preferred Option.

Response to be submitted before Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **Context:**

The FoDDC are preparing a new Local Plan which must look forward to 2041. A preferred option has been endorsed by Cabinet and Council and is the subject of this consultation.

Details at: <https://www.fdean.gov.uk/LocalPlanPreferredOption>

Tibberton Parish Council have informed and consulted with villagers through discussions at council meetings and the use of social media and written responses.

### **Reaction:**

- a. There are NO benefits for Tibberton in the current Local Plan Preferred Option.
- b. The effect of a NEW TOWN development in a rural area close to Tibberton would have detrimental significant impact, changing a rural village in a rural landscape through the effects of urbanisation in terms of traffic movement, over population and the impact on amenities.
- c. The whole character of the Forest of Dean will be changed completely by a NEW TOWN development without full consideration of the impact on the unique nature of the area. Why?
- d. A NEW TOWN development would generate enumerable additional vehicle journeys funnelling traffic through the area to Gloucester, the M5/M50, causing gridlock along the A40/A48/A417 not least the road junction of B4215. The impact on local rural roads used for cut-through routes will be devastating.
- e. The huge requirements of facilities to support a NEW TOWN development in the area will have a huge environmental impact on the area, disadvantaging Tibberton.
- f. A NEW TOWN will draw investment away from the small towns and villages of the Forest of Dean, disadvantaging Tibberton.
- g. The flood plain location of the NEW TOWN development will have significant impact on drainage and sewerage infrastructure causing significant environmental damage at huge costs to Forest of Dean residents who will not benefit from this investment.

### **Response:**

- a. The Local Plan should support needs of the whole of the Forest of Dean and address the need for development throughout the area. Not dump a solution in one location with inadequate consideration of the impact on the unique nature of the Forest of Dean.
- b. Tibberton like all villages and Towns in the district have areas suitable for infill development on a small scale. There is a recognition of a need for more affordable family homes in Tibberton. The carefully considered development would include improvements to infrastructure that would benefit the whole village.
- c. Tibberton PC would support careful environmentally friendly small-scale housing development, enabling improvements to infrastructure and more families in the school catchment area.

**Tibberton Parish Council ask the Forest of Dean Council to consider this response.**