

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

Press Release

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Parish Council Battles Development Giant

Barnack Parish Council has made clear its fierce opposition to the proposed development of 80 houses in a greenfield site to the north of the village. The application, by Gladman Developments Ltd., would dramatically increase the number of houses in the village by 20%.

Gladman Developments Ltd. specialises in developing greenfield sites on the outskirts of towns and villages. Its own literature describes the company as "one of the largest speculative developers in the UK". Its published slogan is "Obtain/Gain/Acclaim" and its business is based largely on the lucrative conversion of farmland to building land.

Barnack Parish Council recognises the need for new housing and has recently welcomed families to 43 new homes in the village. However, it feels that this proposal is wholly unacceptable, a view shared overwhelmingly and passionately by village residents at a recent public meeting.

Chair of the Barnack Parish Council, **Harry Brassey**, commented: "This development is totally inappropriate for a small conservation village with limited facilities."

A resident, St. John Burkett, said: "I feel that we are fighting a battle for the whole of rural Peterborough."

Harry Brassey continued: "This is a David and Goliath battle, but we're absolutely determined to protect the rural environment that defines our parish. We believe that if this powerful company gets its way it will open the floodgates for yet further development in other villages in the Stamford and Peterborough area."

Shailesh Vara MP will be visiting Barnack to inspect the proposed site and discuss the concerns of the village at 10:30 on Monday 21st December. Barnack Parish Council welcomes and values the attention and support of Mr Vara.

Already the Parish Council and numerous residents have written to Peterborough City Council expressing their concerns and their opposition to the proposed development.

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Notes to Editors

Barnack Parish Council represents the 1000 residents of the villages of Barnack and Pilsgate.

Shailesh Vara MP will be at Manor Farm, Barnack between 10:30 and 11:30. Councillors Harry Brassey, Martin Bloom and Phil Broughton will be available for interviews.

For further information or to arrange interviews or photographs please contact The Clerk at barnackparishcouncil@outlook.com or on 07944 054546