STOULTON PARISH COUNCIL

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SWDP UPDATE FROM CHAIRMAN

There was an update given by Wychavon with an invite to all the local Parish Councils with regards to the new Parkway town on 17th December 2020.

Wychavon, as you will be aware are progressing with the proposed new town of 5,000 new homes, town centre, solar farm, industrial estates, schools etc on the land between J7 of the M5 and Stoulton. Wychavon are modelling on 2.2 people per household therefore creating a town of 11,000 people by 2041 with circa 30% being 'affordable' homes. Putting this in perspective it will immediately be a town of a similar size to Ludlow or Bridgnorth however it is intended there will be another 5,000 new homes at a later date bringing it up to a town of a similar size to Evesham.

The salient points of Wychavon's presentation are as follows;

- This will be a 'Garden Town' therefore low car dependency where people will walk, cycle or get the train to work and presumably the same to go shopping, children will walk to school etc etc.
- Because the landownership is predominantly under the control of 3 large parties - Cambridge colleges etc then this is a relatively easy land assembly and hence why it is so attractive for Wychavon to pursue.
- Due to the alleged low car ownership (despite the development being situated in the middle of a rural area) the highway modelling indicates that the proposed new relief road linking the Parkway Station area to the A44 near the Nightingale pub will no longer be necessary, thus saving circa £50m.
- The B4084 (Pershore to Worcester road) from Stoulton through to the new town will be designed to prevent through traffic and force traffic up onto the A44 and to J6.
- Stoulton residents may get a convoluted route to the motorway at J7 but any road infrastructure will be designed to deter any through traffic from Pershore/Drakes Broughton from passing through the new town.
- The new town centre will be built in the fields opposite the new station
- It was difficult to see all the slides but it looks like there will a large solar farm in the fields between the Jubilee Wood and Stoulton, i.e. between Windmill Hill and Stoulton.
- The planners confirmed, 'it was our time' to take the brunt of the new development for the entire South Worcestershire Development Plan area !!!! The proposed Throckmorton airfield development will also be progressing.
- In terms of a timescale Wychavon are still working up the configuration of the new town and there will be a public consultation in October 2021 with an expected adoption of the plan by the end of 2022 and presumably commencement of the infrastructure works etc shortly thereafter.

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