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Planning Applications : 076 Land S. of Red Rose Lane, Blackmore (40 houses)
077 Land S. of Red Rose Lane, Blackmore (56 houses)
085B Land adjacent to Tipps Cross Community Hall (10 houses)

I would like to put forward the following comments:

Both of these sites are within the Green Belt, situated on a quiet, narrow country lane, which is used by Ramblers, Dog walkers and Horse Riders for recreation and for simply enjoying the wild life and bird life that abound there. Two developments of this size would severely disrupt this facility, especially as consideration is being given to access onto Red Rose Lane. This would inevitably give rise to more traffic coming onto Fingrith Hall Road (already congested by parked cars), or Nine Ashes road (already busy with school traffic and cut through traffic from M11. Combine this with the traffic that will be generated by the 30+ houses being built at Norton Heath Equestrian Centre, at the top of Fingrith Hall Road and the level of traffic through the village will be unacceptable. Most people who live in villages like Blackmore do so because they want a rural way of life, not to be part of an urban sprawl.

As well as the points above concerning traffic problems, there are also other Infrastructure Considerations. Water supply (often inadequate) Power supply (many power cuts). Problems encountered with sewage disposal and land surface drainage, there would be an increased risk and severity of flooding if agricultural land disappears under housing estates. Blackmore Village is a flood risk area.

The proposed number of houses represents a 28.6% increase in the number of houses in the village. This would be an unbearable burden on the Health Services (1 Health Centre at Tipps Cross already at capacity and Blackmore school already full with no scope for enlargement) There are also part time bus services which have been threatened with closure.

The land at Tipps Cross Community Hall is a Recreation playing field, the only one in the Parish, and used by the TC Croquet Club and local footballers, as well as enhancing the prospects for hiring the hall for Weddings and Parties. Is it really essential to gobble up this community treasure for the sake of 10 houses?

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