Reedham

Reedham; Part of The Broads National Park; An area of outstanding natural beauty.

Only a certain type of person chooses to live in our remote village.

Every journey has to be planned due to our remoteness; in most cases this journey takes place by car.

**Services;**

The trains provide a service if you want to get to Norwich or Lowestoft every 2 hours.

However the train to Great Yarmouth is 2 trains in the morning and 2 trains in the afternoon.

There is an option of going backwards to go forwards:

Reedham to Norwich to Great Yarmouth with a minimum of a 1 hour journey to travel approx. 10 miles.

Part time Post Office;

Part time Doctors surgery;

Small Primary school with restricted numbers with no physical room for expansion;

Small convenience store for essentials;

With the nearest small supermarket in Acle 6 miles away, the only alternative to Acle on public transport is by bus.

There are 2 buses in the morning and 2 buses in the afternoon, hardly a regular suitable alternative to do a small amount of shopping.

Most people living in our modern world require better services than Reedham has to offer.

**Cars;**

For every new house built in Reedham, it will potentially bring 2 more cars driving in and around the village. With ONLY 30 houses that is another 60 cars on roads with so very few pavements.

The majority of the roads are not even wide enough for 2 cars to pass each other, waiting at passing points.

Walking anywhere is a hazard, where it is necessary to wait at the side of the road where the soil meets the tarmac to allow traffic to pass. There are very few kerbs, let alone pavements.

There is no street lighting adding to the danger of people walking on the roads.

Children are encouraged to walk to school, but that simply is not a good idea in Reedham.

Of course what happens then? They are all driven to school, less than a half a mile away, causing more traffic, more congestion, more carbon emissions and overweight people.

Has ANYONE from the council ever actually walked around all the roads of Reedham?

**The School;**

It is my understanding the school is not currently full, with capacity of approx. another 10 child spaces available.

There are many children who live in Reedham who do not attend Reedham school. These children are driven out of the village to other schools.

Why is this?

The answer is because it is too small. With mixed class age years, parents seem to prefer larger schools with single year classes.

When Barn Owl Close was built, we were told more houses will bring more children to the village and boost the school numbers.

There is **1** child living in Barn Owl Close, who attends Reedham School.

24 Houses.

Most of the people living there so far, are not of an age to have children living with them, more than half are retired.

More houses does not automatically mean more children. Barn Owl Close is a perfect example of this.

**Barn Owl Close;**

At least 14 of the 24 houses are priced too high for younger people with young families. (4 are Housing association)

They are too big, and therefore too expensive.

Yes there is a need for more housing; But the right type of housing in the right place.

All the 3 bedroom properties are bungalows which naturally demand a higher price.

The 4/5 bedroom houses priced between £350,000-£550,000 are hardly going to help the housing shortage.

Local people are priced out of the market with such large properties.

New houses need to be built in the right places. I am not opposed to new houses, but so few people want to live here due to its remoteness.

Surely they should be built where it’s easier to live?

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There are currently 19 houses for sale in Reedham, many of which have been on the market for some months.

**Sewage;**

Anglian Water allegedly confirm there are no issues with Reedham sewage system.

Every summer at the bottom of Barn Owl Close and Yareview Close on Station Road, there is an awful stench of raw sewage.

Why is this? It has been there for years.

Reedham is not on mains sewage system. With more and more houses being built, at what point does the sewage system completely fail?

Do we have to have raw sewage backing up into the roads before Anglian Water admit there is an issue?

Has the council got actual figures of how many sewage lorries travel through our village, along Holly Farm Road to the sewage plant on a daily basis?

**Summary;**

At what point does a small close which is added onto again and again, become a large estate?

Imagine a ‘Dussindale’ estate in the middle of rural Reedham.

The charm and character of such a beautiful village will be lost forever if these plans continue to go ahead.

Where will it stop?

We are only custodians of this land, what will we be leaving behind for future generations?

Whilst walking my dogs this week across the proposed site GNLP1001, I watched a Kestrel hovering for its breakfast.

At the same time I watched a Barn Owl (quite ironic really) swooping around the same field also looking for food. It was such beautiful sight.

**WE WILL LOSE THIS. THE WILDLIFE WILL LOSE THIS.**

It is not just our world; We do not have the right to take the land at every opportunity, from the wildlife that we share the countryside with.