

Peterstow Parish Council comments as follows:

The Parish Council notes that this application is within open countryside in the parish and therefore falls under Policy RA3 of the core strategy. It is not within the previous or proposed settlement boundary for the parish and is not included in the Neighbourhood Development Plan as a development site. The Neighbourhood Development Plan is now at the Referendum Stage.

With regards to the proposed design of the dwellings, the Parish Council notes that amendments have been made since the initial planning application in response to concerns raised, in particular the removal of brick facades. The parish council requests that, should Herefordshire Council be minded to approve plans, a strict condition regarding the exterior design of the building be placed on the application.

The proposed dwellings do not appear to incorporate efficient energy solutions, such as integrated solar panels or grey water reuse technology. In alignment with Core Strategy policy SS7, we request that these be incorporated.

The parish council note that the size of dwellings has reduced from 3-4 beds to 2 beds and considers that this more meets the needs of the parish.

We previously raised concerns regarding the condition of the bus stops in the immediate vicinity of the application and note that the applicant has included the making good of these. We request again that this is a strict condition of any approval, if granted. Safe pedestrian access to the bus stops remains a concern.

With regards to traffic speeds along this stretch of A49, we note significant concerns raised by local residents regarding the dangerous traffic situation. We share the concerns of residents in this regard and the Parish Council have already raised issues with the Safer Roads Partnership and local police regarding this stretch of road.