By submitting a planning application, before there is any decision on the Local Plans, the developers clearly believe that development at Foxlydiate is a given.

It is therefore very important that as many objections as possible are recorded against the planning application. It seems that a large number of individual objections carry the most weight so even though the Parish Council and BAAG are submitting objections on behalf of us all please submit your own personal objection. When making your objection it is important to concentrate on the specific elements of the planning application itself. All the documents can be found at http://appuview.bromsgrove.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=O4FPW0DP0A700 The documents are also available to view at Parkside in Bromsgrove and the Town Hall in Redditch.

These are:

- The creation of access points off Birchfield Road, Cur Lane, Foxlydiate Lane and Pumphouse Lane (part of the 'Detailed' element of the Hybrid Application)
- The creation of a primary access road (the second part of the 'Detailed' element of the Hybrid Application). including associated cut and fill works and other associated earthworks, landscaping, lighting, drainage and utilities, crossings and surface water attenuation/drainage measures

The traffic generated by this development is going to have a significant impact on us so now is the time to raise concerns about the plans for traffic on and off the site and how it will affect the roads and lanes throughout the area.

 The principle of building 2,800 houses together with a school and a local centre on this site. (the 'Outline' element of the Hybrid Application).

The principle of placing 2800 houses, etc. on this site is the subject of the Planning Inspector's continuing deliberations. The Parish Council, BAAG and individuals have engaged effectively in the consultation process as can be seen on the examination pages and our web page. The Inspector, Planners and Councils can be in no doubt that we object to the principle of development at Foxlydiate. Our evidence has been detailed and challenging to the Councils. The main thrust of the argument is that the site is in the Green Belt and therefore development within it is inappropriate unless very special circumstances exist. Your response to the Outline planning application might choose to restate this.

The Parish Council is committed to continuing its opposition to this development. We have already commented that this application is premature

as we have yet to see the HM Inspector's conclusions regarding the Local Plans and until then the site is still Green Belt (please see the text below). We will be submitting a further document commenting on specific elements of the application shortly. We will send it out to you all together with any further information we have.

The deadline for comments is 6th May so please ensure your objection is received by that date.

The link to the application (Ref 16/0263) for making a comment on Bromsgrove DC's web site is:

http://appuview.bromsgrove.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=makeComment&keyVal=O4FP W0DP0A700

If you prefer you can send an email to the Planning Officer responsible, Simon Jones: simon.jones@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk quoting reference numbers 16/0263 (Bromsgrove) and 2016/077/OUT (Redditch).

Please add your objection. It may be that the developers are going to attempt to circumvent the delay to the local plan by having the application 'called-in' by the Secretary of State so it is very important that our objections are on record.

Many thanks

John Manley Chairman, BPPC

Bentley Pauncefoot Parish Council – Initial Submission

Both Bromsgrove & Redditch Council will be aware that any large scale development in the Green Belt has to be justified by examination. They will be further aware that examination hearings have taken place and that the Inspector has yet to make his conclusions known in relation to the accommodation of Redditch's cross boundary housing requirements. We consider therefore that the publication of detailed plans for the development of the Foxlydiate site (wholly within the Green Belt) and the permitted 21 day consultation period, in advance of his recommendations, is premature.

Since the Inspector has indicated, at the hearings, that he does not wish to prolong his investigations into the CBD and will indicate the direction of his thoughts in the near future, it would seem logical for the Councils to defer consideration of the Foxlydiate plans until he has reported.

The plans presented in 16/0263 seem to indicate an acceptance that development at Foxlydiate is a given. We have challenged this at the Examination Hearings and in our submissions. Our further comments relating to Redditch CBD will depend on the soon to be published, Inspector's report.