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Dear Philip,

Re Dunlop Site Redevelopment - Bagworth

The Parish Council has been in liaison with Mr. Michael Robson of Cerda Planning, and looking at their proposed plans for the above site, and Cerda have held an open exhibition in Bagworth to allow residents to view and comment on the plans, which generally produced a favourable reaction within the village.

It is understood that there could be planning issues, because the land is designated for industrial use and it is felt that development would be removing opportunities for developing industry in the village.

The Parish Council would point out that the Dunlop site has been virtually derelict for several years, and a sympathetic residential development in keeping with the ambiance of the village would be preferable to an old industrial site falling into disrepair.

It is right that industrial needs should be catered for to strengthen the local and national economy, but in close proximity to Bagworth there are several opportunities for industrial development and expansion , ie there is the Merrylees Industrial Estate which has scope for further development, Hanson Brickworks is a substantial local employer Pall ex which is on our boundary is a successful employer interested in introducing jobs into the Bagworth area and very near to Bagworth is the Bardon 22 Industrial Estate.

It should also be borne in mind that heavy goods vehicles are banned from travelling through Bagworth because the roads are unsuitable for the weights involved, it therefore appears contradictory to allow industrial development which would force heavy goods vehicles to use unsuitable roads which would totally compromise the safety aspect for the village

There is also the question of 106 money, the Parish Council currently would have a preference for 106 money to be designated for developing the Bagworth Community Centre, and refurbishing /replacing the Sports pavilion and the sports field, but before any agreed money is finally allocated, the Parish Council would appreciate being involved in deciding how the money should be allocated.

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Clerk to the Parish Council