

## Dethick Lea and Holloway: Development Proposals - reasons for concern

Many residents will now know of the two proposals which threaten to radically alter our community. Here is the latest position and how you might consider responding.

### Proposal 1: Large 'Glamping' Site at Lea Hurst

Our Parish Council, at their meeting of 5 August, voted unanimously to object in the strongest possible terms to the planning application for three large 'glamping' huts to be built on the historic walled garden of Florence Nightingale's former home - Lea Hurst on the following grounds:

- The proposal will bring substantial harm to the setting of the Heritage Asset.
- The proposal is alien in form and type within the historic setting of the walled garden and conflicts with the heritage value of the setting of Lea Hurst
- At no time have there been structures of scale and size similar to those proposed within the walled garden
- The proposal will have a substantial impact on the site's designation within a Special Landscape Area, the Conservation Area and the setting of the DVM World Heritage Site Buffer Zone.
- The proposal will result in a significant increase in traffic movements via an acknowledged substandard entrance and driveway.
- The proposal will have a significant impact on the well-being of neighbouring properties and those persons residing in reasonably close proximity

If you wish to lodge an objection - as over 60 residents already have - you have a week still left to do it as the consultation ends on August 19th. Go to <https://www.ambervalley.gov.uk/planning/development-management/view-a-planning-application/> and type in AVA/2020/0615 under 'Ref No' and under 'Documents' you will see the proposal, all those objections already lodged, and the 'Comment' button under which you can make your own objection. The text boxes where you make your comment look small but take as much text as you wish.

### Proposal 2: Large Housing Development for up to 188 new houses on Lea Hurst Parkland.

At the same meeting, Councillors spoke out in outrage at proposal to build over the ancient fields between Leashaw, Yew Tree Hill and Bracken Lane and Lea Hurst itself. The proposal is due for determination in mid October as part of the assembly of new building land for Amber Valley's new Local Plan. Should this proposal be accepted it would increase the population of Holloway by almost 40%! Parish Councillors had designated both fields as 'Green Spaces' to be retained for future generations as such in the Neighbourhood Plan and these proposals were accepted by the Examining Inspector to be included in the referendum on our Plan which is now postponed to May 2021 because of Covid.

Councillors were very aware that the land was not only in the DLH Conservation Area but also designated in the Amber Valley Local Plan as an Area of Special Landscape Interest and land falling into the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site Buffer Zone. Our local District and County Councillor David Taylor confirmed that he would support the outcome of the vote by Parish Councillors and work towards defeating both proposals when they came up for discussion at Amber Valley Borough Council.

**At the moment, comments are only sought by AVBC on the 'Glamping' proposal. The Housing Proposal may arise in a couple of months time.**

If these proposals are to be defeated now and into the future, the villages must continue in their battle to protect the wonderful environment within which it is located and preserve the importance and significance of its historical legacy and not give way to commercial greed.

Concerned residents are considering the formation of an Action Group to monitor the situation and to work closely with the Parish Council in keeping all residents fully informed. If you would like to simply add your name to a joint objection, or to make contact with us, please email [friendsofdlh@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofdlh@gmail.com) You can also contact your Parish Councillor to make your views known.

The impact on the scenic beauty and tranquillity of our community from these types of developments would be devastating. Your Parish Council Voted UNANIMOUSLY against both these proposals. Over 60 local residents have also formerly made their own objections to Amber Valley Planning.

**Time is of the essence; it is not too late. PLEASE MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD.**