

It is with huge disappointment that I have to inform you that the planning inspector, and the Secretary of State, has approved the appeal, and given planning permission for the 380 houses in the Parish of Pebworth. See attached letter.
Also see Peter Luff's comments below.

This does not bode well for the other outstanding planning application by St Modwen who are currently asking for another 550 houses on top of the 500 houses they are already building. This will mean a new town of over 1430 houses on the Long Marston army camp!

Kind regards

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PLANNING DECISIONS CONDEMNED

**Statement by Sir Peter Luff, MP for Mid
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I was appalled to learn that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has allowed the appeal cases for massive housing developments at Yew Tree and at Long Marston to go ahead – effectively overturning Wychavon District Council's original and correct decision to reject the applications.

Both residents and the council have fought hard against these proposals and this will be a bitterly disappointing day for many. I condemn the opportunism of developers who have wickedly exploited the current position in Wychavon before the adoption of the South Worcestershire Development Plan.

We need more houses locally, but they should be built where locally elected councillors decide after a process of local consultation, not at the whim of developers. Now Wychavon will be left to pick up a bill for many thousands of pounds of legal costs for daring to stand up for its people.

The sickening drumbeat of a legalistic process has again drowned out the voice of democracy.

ENDS

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