

12th November 2019

Meeting with Roger Bannock from Taverham Vets on Fir Covert Road

Asking questions Margaret Garwood, with note taker Brenda Clarke

The Draft Aims and Vision were shared, as well as the map of Taverham

Mr. Bannock had heard about the houses being built on the corner of Beech Avenue and hoped it would be fitting in with other houses nearby. Not sticking out as a separate development

Concerns expressed regarding the junction from Beech Avenue, to Fir Covert Road. Queuing traffic in all directions at busy times.

Mr. Bannock expressed concern that more houses would be built without the infrastructure being in place. The infrastructure needed to be discussed in the first instance for any large development. Also, the proposed ideas for the infrastructure needed to be achievable

As a businessman, Mr. Bannock advised he would prefer small developments. Where they could go he was not sure.

There needs to be proper roads, linking to main roads.

There needs to be green spaces with trees/woodlands.

Smaller developments need to have their own character!

He felt the larger developments were soul less. All of the bigger developments seem to be the same.

Could there not be found somewhere nearby, possibly in Ringland for smaller development/s?

The new development on Fir Covert Road. Family restaurant needed, no more fast food outlets. The building on this site, although close to the vets should not cause any concern for the position of his business.

As Taverham is now getting so big, could there not be an option to have two parishes?

We need many more green spaces. Green areas, not only for walking dogs, but for family walks, small parks, and seating areas. Why do we need more houses?

Joining up the NDR

Mr. Bannocks views are that the powers that be know which route it will take.

They have to go ahead and be seen to have the consultations etc. For that

reason he has not got a particular favoured route. He did say that there are now actually people queuing on get on the NDR in the mornings.

The children are the future of Taverham and need to be considered. More community space needed, such as play areas, youth clubs etc. There appears to be nothing much in the village for the older children. A sports hall could be considered, but where would it be situated?. A committee could be set up to take on the responsibility of sorting out facilities for the children of the village, and we must remember that times are changing. Whereas going to the park a few years ago would have been sufficient, children need more now to interest them, sporting facilities, cafes etc.

The main thing to focus on in Taverham is keeping the green areas.