



LETTERS to the Editor...

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Dear Editor,

The term NIMBY shouldn't be a pejorative. In an ever-growing world of eight billion humans our local area or 'back yard' is all we can ever hope to protect. The latest Welton NEWS is right to bemoan another housing estate, this time on top of a wildflower meadow.

More traffic, more noise, more pollution, ever more stressed shops and public services, more concrete and therefore more flooding. What are the upsides for the average resident? As the quality of life nosedives to accommodate further UK population growth it is entirely sensible to oppose further construction.

Don't forget this used to be a small village and it still has the meagre road system and services to match. Who voted for these wholesale changes? We were never asked.

Womble of Welton

Dear Editor,

How I agree with *A Local Resident* [letters, **NEWS**, September 2021]. I live on Stonecliff Park, my home backs on to the public footpath on Prebend Lane. When there was a public meeting about the proposed building on the land I did not go, it would have been a waste of time.

Before work began I received a letter from West Lindsey District Council (WLDC) asking for my opinion, so I gave it. At that time there was talk of 400 houses, so to me that equated to 1,000 people plus two cars and a dog per household. I asked "could the 'village' cope as the infrastructure had not grown?" as well as pointing out the impact of all the heavy plant vehicles on our roads, especially on Prebend Lane. I had two more letters from WLDC, all with different numbers of houses. I wrote the same letter each time. I am still waiting for a reply! We are now in September 2021 and building is well under way despite Covid.

I have lived in Welton for 44 years, my family and I came in 1977 from Lincoln. The 'village' is now three times larger than it was.

Surely enough is enough, yet there is still more building going to happen? Does anyone listen to our concerns?

Joy Smith

Stonecliff Park

*[Welton Parish Council adopted its Neighbourhood Plan in 2016. This plan, compiled at length, with considerable input by local residents and at no small cost, was intended to provide a blueprint for development in Welton for the next 20 years. In 2019, when the plan was three years old, Welton **NEWS** asked the council whether it had any plans to review it in light of events since its adoption and it confirmed that it did not. It is not known whether that remains the council's position. Ed]*