

NLPC/EWPC/St George's Barracks

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Development of the St George's Barracks Site

We are very grateful to the County Council Executive for setting out so clearly the Council's thoughts on the development of St George's Barracks. You will no doubt understand the keen interest and very considerable concern felt by all local residents, particularly those living in Edith Weston and North Luffenham. There is a strong feeling locally of a proposed development solution, that is being directed top-down with little or no consideration of local opinion or wishes.

The Scale of the Proposed Development

Now that we have had the opportunity to absorb the reality of what is being proposed there is real and justifiable concern amongst all local residents, and that concern centres upon the scale and size of the proposed development. With both villages containing around 300-400 houses each, there would have been little concern about your proposed "garden village" being of a similar size. However, to describe what is envisaged as a village is misleading in the extreme.

What you are proposing is to place a new town the size of Uppingham in an area, which has hitherto been predominantly rural in nature. It is hardly surprising therefore that there is a near unanimous opposition in the local area to what is being proposed, and this is being underpinned by an ongoing survey of local opinion.

A development of 1,500 plus houses would adversely impact upon the rural character of the local area which is cherished by all who live here. Notwithstanding pledges of local improvements, dumping a town the size of Uppingham between Edith Weston and North Luffenham would radically alter the character of the local area and place an unacceptable strain on local infrastructure and subject the villages to a protracted period of disruption and soiling.

There is strong support in the local area for a development of no more than 500 houses, with accompanying support facilities. Furthermore, it is considered that any development should be phased, so as to allow absorption of each phase before starting on the next. A maximum build rate of 100 houses per annum is suggested.

We would be grateful if the County Council would take this into consideration when forming your plans over the coming year.

Yours sincerely

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