

Further to our conversations this morning, I would like to confirm the status of the New Build at South View, Bratton Fleming.

The current position is that my Lender, Exeter Finance, has ceased to finance the project, which is 80% complete, until a decision has been made on the driveway as requested, some months ago, by my company, PLB Developments Ltd. This has had a very negative impact on me, as I have had to resource work elsewhere in order to make a living & pay my own bills, as well as the continued company's bills, such as insurances, electric etc. We are so close, yet so far away from the finish line, of what is, a high quality new build project, in a wonderful North Devon village, especially, having gained the respect of the local residents throughout our 18 month build programme.

It has caused me great anxiety, with having to wait on a decision, which I feel, personally, is a no-brainer. Taking one car park space off the existing overloaded car park in order to facilitate at least three cars into the 4/5 bedroomed detached house's grounds. This coupled with the fact that the existing car park struggles, particularly at weekends, with the number of cars that use it. What would happen, when the existing residents move on, for whatever reason & the three bedroom family homes become occupied with younger families, who potentially could be running two or maybe three cars per property. Where do the vehicles go then??

I'm also aware that a previous application, albeit outline, had been submitted with the driveway in place & wondered whether this would have had the same negative response? Surely in this day & age a large family home, situated in a village with little amenities, therefore requiring at least two vehicles, should not have to worry about it's own off road parking, common sense should, I feel, come into action.

I trust that the Members will look upon our request favourably, especially as we are willing to run with the suggested figure of £50k for the driveway, & see that we are actually looking to promote the sale of the new dwelling, which will show little or no profit come the end, in order for a family to live & possibly work in the setting of Bratton Fleming.

I look forward to hearing the outcome in a couple of weeks following the Members Committee Meeting.