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Corrections and complaints

Anger over potential Greytree development

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The planning proposal is for a residential site of 35 houses. The planning policy for this area would require 14 of those to be social housing, managed by an independent social housing provider. The proposed access is down Second Avenue, with everything to the west of Second Avenue being left as open space.

Simon said: "The plan is to gift that to the Town Council, and one question we are asking today is about what people would like to see there."

Simon put forward suggestions such as an allotment, a play area, or simply some benches.

In response to fears about this development, Simon said: "We are not hardened developers who want to say 'we are doing this and this'."

"The site was gifted to charities and it's a good site to come forward, now is a good opportunity to do so. This is not an aggressive approach."

Despite this, many locals who attended the Public Meeting felt that the promise that locals could be involved in such decisions was false.

Mr and Mrs Leney, of Brampton Road, said: "We were told that development was coming whether we liked it or not, and that this scheme was of a lower housing density than any other that might be proposed, therefore we should be grateful."

One key concern expressed to the *Ross Gazette* was that Second Avenue is the proposed access route. One resident said: "It cannot cope with the current volume of traffic, let alone more. With a development of 35 houses, we can expect at least 70 cars. This is not sustainable."

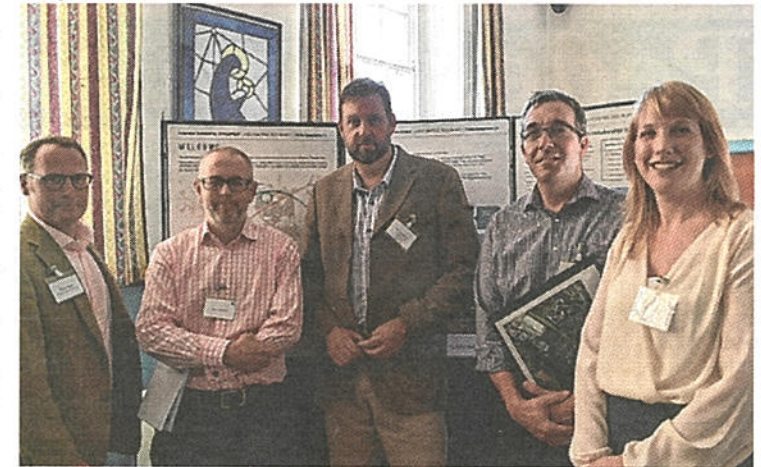
Herefordshire's Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA), 2011, corroborates this view. With a view to planning and development, Herefordshire Council state that: "Access off First and Second Avenue would not be suitable. Brampton Road requires improvement and substantial works to make this acceptable for transportation."

One resident, who lives on Homs Road, recently had two of her parked

vehicles crashed into by another driver. She hopes this incident, along with similar occurrences in the past, demonstrates how the surrounding routes, like Homs Road, won't be able to deal with an increased volume of traffic.

Debbie Wareing told the *Ross Gazette*: "With a view to sustainability, this site should not be included in the Neighbourhood Plan. We don't have a bus service that starts early in the morning, or runs late in the evening so people going to work will have to use cars. The proposed access route is now at capacity with existing development."

"The major thing for me is that this site defines the edge of the settlement boundary. To build on this, they will be building on open countryside, which flies in the face of sustainability."



• Representatives from Lathams, Enzygo, Ryder, WYG, and Proctor Chartered Surveyors at the public meeting on Thursday, September 27th

Celebrating 100 years of Man of Ross Fruit Farm

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ALMOST 100 years ago a chance view of the auction details for the Glewstone estate led to one family developing very close connections to the village.

George Jackson, the founder of the Man of Ross Fruit Farm at Glewstone, was the son of a Cheltenham market gardener, and a great salesman. When he felt his father was not being paid enough by the Birmingham traders for his produce he set up his own business marketing the fruit and vegetables.

He was soon looking for land to purchase to expand his fruit production.

In 1918, when George Jackson was in Gloucesters-

ladders all day.

The current Managing Director Andrew Jackson, great grandson of the founder, told the *Ross Gazette* that at that time the main fruit varieties grown at Glewstone were Worcesters, Bramleys and Coxes, very traditional varieties.

The company grew and was very successful after the war, but by the 1940s and 1950s tastes had changed, so more land was purchased and coxes and russet trees were planted.

As time passed, it became clear that with about 16 to 18 sharehold-

