

## Joseph Walker

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**From:** James Haynes  
**Sent:** 05 December 2022 22:54  
**To:** Neighbourhood Planning  
**Subject:** Fairford Neighbourhood Plan

Good evening,

I have some general comments relating to the Fairford Neighbourhood Plan for your consideration.

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I have lived in Fairford with my wife and two children for 12 years.

1. I'm pleased to see that the decline in facilities and the need for more is recognised. How do you intend to hold developers to account in the event of false promises relating to infrastructure improvements that lead to the award/permission to be the selected developer?
2. The report itself is long but I found it to read very non-committal. It was hard for me to ascertain what will/will not be allowed and what powers you have to enforce the wishes of the residents of Fairford? A summary is required to outline this and put residents minds at ease. E.g we will not develop xx, we will put xx facilities in xx area etc.
3. I had a housing brochure through my letterbox about the development off Hatherop. I thought this consultation was part of the process? Sounds like a done deal to me.
4. Please consider a set of traffic lights for the single track road joining Coronation St and the Mill. I seemingly always get caught and have to reverse (dangerously) to let people pass. This will definitely get worse as the traffic increases. This is an easy fix to me.
5. I am very worried about traffic on Hatherop Road during any building work and afterwards. The road is already heavily potholed (never fixed) and people drive too fast through it, even where it narrows near my house. My dog has almost been hit a few times. The volume of traffic is heavy at school times as people use it as a cut through. This will be even worse when more houses are built off Hatherop unless you build a road with access to Leaffield Rd from the development. Even then, it will be used as a shortcut rather than driving down to London Rd(I would). I often work nights and the traffic can be very noisy at these peak times, especially after rainfall. I can still hear it with my windows shut.
6. What is the council doing to expedite high speed broadband to all homes?
7. I like to walk. The lake 104 access issue has been a complete farce. What are you going to do to protect my right to roam freely, when I want to, around the lovely scenery that fairford, the lakes etc. has to offer?
8. To better align themselves with the community, why have facilities for all fairford residents not been built by Lakes by Yoo/lake 104. Affordable (by average income families) leisure centre, pub/eatery and access to the lakes would prevent resentment. It would also create jobs. The path to 104 could be illuminated and made nice in the evening.

9. Any new homes MUST be built (not just promised) to the latest standards for being environmentally friendly and energy efficient. They must be affordable for the average family (not just some small cramped boxes with tiny gardens either). Fairford residents should have first pick (even off plan at competitive rates).

10. To protect the future of Fairford to allow it to continually develop in the right way, it has to appeal to the age 18-35 range. At the moment it doesn't, especially for the younger ages. I'm not sure what the answer is, but both my children find Fairford 'boring' and spend most of their time in Swindon, Cirencester or Cheltenham. Employment opportunities seem small outside traditional trades such as builder etc. Could we have more mainstream retail outlets (but must be in keeping with the surroundings) and also attract companies from other sectors for employment opportunities (engineering, manufacturing, landscaping, law, finance etc.) so that vocational careers can be had by the next generation?

Best regards,

James