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Village comes out fighting against 224 homes plan

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"THEY'RE blind," shouted one angry resident as he decried plans to build a 'monstrous' housing development in an East Staffordshire village.



Plans for Tutbury homes

The people of Tutbury turned out in force to join their parish councillors in roundly condemning proposals to build 224 houses and 14 industrial units in the village.

Councillor Bill Crossley, speaking at the Tutbury Parish Council meeting, said: "This is just monstrous. All the decisions that have been made are just monstrously wrong." Up to 50 villagers attended the parish council

meeting and attacked plans by Peveril Homes to develop the 15-hectare plot of land to the west of Burton Road.

The meeting was told the colossal development could add 850 to the population of Tutbury and bring between 200 and 300 extra cars to the village.

Councillor Dave Morris said: "Tutbury cannot sustain any more traffic. It is sometimes nose to tail driving through Tutbury and you can't damn well move.

"I also ask whether our health service provision could cope with the extra people.

From what I can gather, they are already at bursting point."

Councillors also questioned the need for such a large number of new homes in the village. It was claimed that there were already empty homes and industrial units in the area which could not be filled.

Councillors agreed to fight the proposals, which take the form of two separate planning applications, by distributing letters to all villagers urging them to object individually to East Staffordshire Borough Council's planning department.

It is believed the land development in Tutbury is part of a target to build nearly 13,000 extra houses in East Staffordshire by 2026.

This particular application is expected to appear before the borough council's planning committee in August.

Tutbury Parish Council, along with Rolleston, Abbots Bromley, Rocester, and Barton under Needwood parish councils, is calling on the borough council to scrap this target.

In a statement, Peveril Homes said: "The site represents an opportunity for Tutbury to grow in a sustainable way, ensuring that existing shops, businesses and facilities will be sustained by the increase in patronage generated by new housing development."

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