Yarlington Manor Farm Development Proposal

Meeting at Galhampton Village Hall 4th June 2023

Manor Farm Proposal

At a presentation at the Stag's Head on 25th February Emily Estate proposed the following:

- Construction of a new farm on land lying between Yarlington
 & Galhampton
- Redevelopment of Manor Farm in Yarlington into housing
- Continued construction of concrete roads linking Yarlington / Avalon Farm / Castle Cary

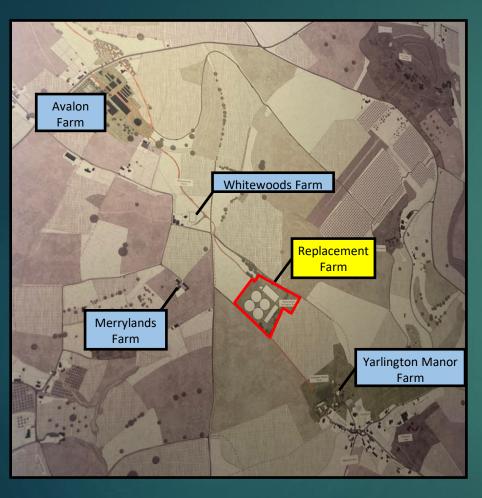
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- A new Farm on green fields
- Close to the current pathways
- Backing on to the copse below Yarlington Sleights

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Current Farm

To be redeveloped for Housing:

- Initially Long Term lets
- Now suggesting "Affordable Housing"

The position takes up a large site midway between Yarlington and Galhampton

Reasons to Object

There is no persuasive reason for building a new farm

- > Efficiency
 - This farm will be only 600 m from the current farm
 - The current farm could be updated / improved
 - The Farm track to Avalon would be built anyway
- Environmental
 - A new farm would require thousands of tons of new concrete
 - Redevelopment of the current farm would require disposal of similar amounts of concrete
 - Loss of habitat and biodiversity
- ➤ Housing Benefit
 - There is no clear plan on what benefit the new housing would have for the community of Yarlington or the Parish as a whole
 - Impact on the traffic through Pound Lane & the village

Are we opposed to The Newt?

We do not object to The Newt in Somerset in principle. These proposals are put forward by the Emily Estate.

But:

- > Developments at Avalon Farm, Yarlington Lodge and Manor Farm show:
 - Lack of clarity and transparency in planning
 - A disregard for, and wilful destruction of habitat
 - Lack of awareness of local sentiment and rural life
- No planning has been applied for at present
 - We need to make it clear if there is general local opposition
 - Consult with Emily Estate to change the plans, if deemed appropriate
 - Perhaps even get them to change (or adopt) a different policy
 - ✓ That is more sympathetic to the environment
 - ✓ Accommodates local communities

Are we opposed to The Newt?

The Newt's latest advertising claims to include:

"...diverse habitats for native wildlife.

We encourage a patchwork of land and livestock to improve biodiversity from the ground up.

We care for the land that feeds us"

- How is Laying tons of concrete "caring for the land"?
- ☐ How is ripping out hedgerows, clearing underbrush and removing mature trees "improving biodiversity from the ground up"?
- □ How is pouring concrete and building a new farm next to a copse encouraging "diverse habitats for native wildlife"?