

Development at Moretonhampstead Station

Colin Burges 5 February 2020 at 00:10

To: moretonhampsteadpc@tiscali.co.uk

Dear Town Elders,

It is noticeable that the only objections to this proposed development that mention trains come from campaigners outside the town.

The objections to the original application last year would apply equally to the revised plans, but I doubt that any more will be made as they are understood to be merely "in principle." Despite the sudden climate awareness, not a single change of any consequence is likely to occur. This development will be textbook sprawl, a satellite of the town with no distinction of any kind, that will in the main perpetuate car dependency.

Your silence on the subject, I wonder does it come from actually not wanting to see the return of the railway, or from the belief that it's such an impossibility as to be not worth mentioning?

In case you wonder why outsiders should be concerned about the town's transport, I will explain. Whether or not their voices are heard, there must be townsfolk who, for whatever reason - convenience, independence, preference, conscientiousness - *would* like a train service. And it must be that a great many from beyond would like to reach your Dartmoor gateway town by train; perhaps it would only be by train that they would come. I campaign for functional rail transport for such people.

My last visit to the town was on a cycle ride via Hennock and Bovey, when I took the photos for my web pages.

<http://www.teignrail.co.uk/political-campaigning.php#moretonhampsteadstation>

Yours sincerely,

Colin Burges

Christow Station

Samantha Parkin <moretonhampsteadpc@tiscali.co.uk> 7 February 2020 at 11:23

To: Colin Burges

Dear Colin Burges,

Thank you for your email of 5th Feb 2020 about considering the effect of the Baker Estates development of the upper yard and station site in Moretonhampstead on the possibility of re-opening the railway line to Bovey Tracey. We have considered your comments and conclude the effect of this development would only be to move the terminus 100yards down the line. The consultation period has closed, and we have already sent our comments.

Thank you for raising the issue.

Yours sincerely,

Vivienne Hodges Chairman MPC