

Gladman loses appeal

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The Gladman appeal against Herefordshire Council's failure to grant [P184032/O](#) planning permission for has been refused by the Government's Planning Inspector.

The application was for 420 dwellings on fields running alongside the Dymock Road, south of the site that Barratt Homes is now developing beyond the bypass (this was an earlier Gladman application that was allowed on appeal).

Throughout the Inspector's report, in addition to issues such as landscape impact and HC's planning policies, she focuses on sustainable transport issues. She has determined that the site location is so far from Ledbury's schools, amenities, the train station and employment and is so poorly connected by desire-line, safe cycling and walking routes, that residents will be car dependent. This is contrary to planning policies and with consequent danger to vulnerable road users. The full report is available on [Herefordshire Council's website](#).

Thanks to all who took the trouble to write to object to this planning application. Every individual's contribution has an impact!

The third Gladman attack on Ledbury, for [210 houses opposite the UBL factory on Little Marcle Road](#) seems to have gone quiet: Herefordshire Council's planners asked for more information in April 2019. No reply had been received so the council [wrote to Gladman](#) on 1st October to say the application had been 'disposed of'.