

Review of - 170531_area_d_assessments

Lower Stondon

We have found a number of significant errors in the report. It separates Upper and Lower Stondon and randomly adds in information from Henlow Camp which is not in the Parish.

Stated

Stondon is a village in the east of Central Bedfordshire and has a population of 2,300 people and contains 1,110 dwellings (population and dwellings combine Upper and Lower Stondon)¹⁴⁵. The settlement is around 10 miles east of Flitwick and around 7 miles south of Biggleswade. Stondon is divided into two sections, Upper Stondon and Lower Stondon¹⁴⁶, with Lower Stondon being the larger of the two villages. Upper Stondon is assessed separately.

Correction

Why are Upper and Lower Stondon looked at separately? There is no separation. They are joined by the housing in Hillside Road. The number of dwellings is 1023 based on last precept.

Stated.

Services and facilities available within Lower Stondon include a community centre, a pre-school/nursery, a lower school, an ATM, 2 convenience stores, a post office, a chemist, a GP surgery/health centre, 3 restaurants/takeaways, a food serving pub, outdoor recreational facilities and 2 children's play areas. There is also a golf course in the settlement, a garden centre, 2 bowling alleys and a theatre.

Correction

There are:-

No ATM

1 restaurant/takeaway

seven play areas

no bowling alley (RAF Henlow – closing 2020)

no theatre (RAF Henlow – closing 2020)

Stated

However, there is a deficit of informal large recreation areas, small amenity spaces and allotments

Correction

There are:-

Two large recreation areas (Hillside Road, Pollards Way)

Allotments (since 2012 and 60 plots)

What are amenity spaces?

Sewerage and Wastewater Treatment

The Shillington WwTW currently has capacity issues.

CAPACITY ASSESSMENT

Item 1 – there is no expansion options for the school and will be at capacity following significant housing growth.

Item 4 – there is no theatre and we have allotments.

Summary.

The information is inaccurate and includes Henlow Camp. There are no options to the East as this is a different Parish. North will start to create coalescence towards other villages and destroys the green break. This will also fall into the blast zone from MDBA Bomb manufacturing capabilities. Extending West will remove the natural break to the Countryside and the loss of agricultural land.

Capacity should be LOW as we have been advised of developments either approved or suggested to bring over 500 houses to the village.

