

## ***LOCATION***

- A rural setting on top of a hill and distant from large urban areas. Accommodation blocks four storeys high plus services on top, other buildings 1-3 storeys high
- This site does not have any of the geographical location, employment requirements and existing essential infrastructure that the other new 'mega' prison sites do have
- Brownfield sites should be considered as a priority for this type of development rather than causing the harmful and irreversible loss of further green and rural spaces (73 acres)
- The proposed site is served by an inadequate network of rural and unclassified roads, poor public transport and is already suffering the significant cumulative impact of High Speed Two (HS2) and East West Rail (EWR) construction projects which already intrude into the rural environment and are resulting in increased urbanisation
- The Ministry should be looking for a brownfield site in a more urban location where buildings of the design proposed could be more readily accommodated
- The development proposed represents a significant extension of the current site into the open countryside
- The Ministry should be locating a project of this size close to a larger population centre with good connectivity to rail and motorways as is the case of the new 'mega' prisons at Leicester and Wellingborough
- Building a prison in such a rural location goes against all the Government policies in terms of minimising carbon emissions, it is **NOT** a sustainable site and staff will have to travel from a wide area
- The actual site is physically too small and a poor shape for the MoJ plans, hence why the football pitch has to be located where proposed
- Increased engineering costs due to the rural location