

**Objection to proposed inclusion of Green Belt land north of Spondon into Erewash
Borough Council's growth proposals**

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As a Spondon resident living close to the proposed housing development on land north of Spondon on Green Belt I wish to register my objection to the proposal.

The reasons why I object are as follows:

1. Spondon, part of Derby City Council has significantly increased in size over the past 20 years and the local amenities are already stretched with public services such as doctors, dentists, schools already overstretched. This proposal for hundreds of houses will add to the pressure on Derby City Council resources not Erewash.
2. The council tax received by Erewash as a result in the expansion will accrue to Erewash and be spent on services to Erewash resident and not support the residents of Spondon who will have less access to local services as a result of more Erewash residents using local facilities.
3. The road A6096 which will be used as the main access/egress from the proposed development is already heavily used by HGV and other traffic using Spondon as a route to the A52 and M1 rather than the more direct route through the village of Ockbrook because of the failure of Erewash Borough Council to facilitate road upgrades in Ockbrook. This proposal will lead to further congestion and accident probability owing to the increased traffic which owing to proximity will use Spondon rather than Erewash communities for travel.
4. I have had no communication from Erewash Borough Council in consultation for this proposal and so consider the Erewash Borough Council has failed in its duty to cooperate with Spondon residents.
5. Erewash Borough has many brown field sites on which they could build more houses so protecting the Green Belt. If they do need to use Green Field sites there is plenty in the communities of Dale Road, West Hallam etc but as I understand the local councillors there object to building in their backyard so have proposed Derby City backyard which has very little Green Belt land remaining.
6. What are the exceptional circumstances for building on this Green Belt land?
7. Erewash Borough Council has not conducted a review of the Green Belt, in order to be objection this proposal should be considered against other Green Belt land in the Borough. This should only be if Brown field land cannot be utilised.
8. The land proposed will, if developed have a detrimental impact on biodiversity locally and negatively impact on local fauna and flora for which the land is noted, it will also adversely impact on protected species such as bats and birds of prey.
9. Spondon Wood is ancient woodland and so should be protected both for biodiversity but also heritage reasons.