



10 October 2023

Erewash Planning Department

Good Evening

**RE: APPLICATION 0923/0024**

I have already objected to the above development on/near our Ancient Wood in Spondon, but I would like further objections to be considered please.

When my son in law came home from a dog walk over the fields he has shown my daughter and I a sign that you have erected on a gate off Sancroft Road. As an 86 year old pensioner I would never have seen this, when I use Sancroft Road to visit my son I walk on the opposite side of the road not that this is visible from the opposite curb side anyway. Why hasn't Erewash Council had the courtesy of informing Spondon residents of their intentions?

I am aghast after my family explained why this build has been pushed through to avoid the upcoming change in law for Climate Change Emergency/BNG which will come into effect on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

I have also been advised and if you can advise differently it would be appreciated, that one day monitoring of traffic has taken place, as a Spondon Resident of 70 years I do not believe this is adequate or acceptable, I would expect at least a month of traffic assessment should be undertaken to understand the volume of vehicles and HGV using Dale Road, over the many decades I have seen this grow at an alarming rate.

Fortunately, I am a very active independent 86 year old widow who dislikes having to rely on family members to take me to appointments in Chaddesden when I cannot get an appointment at the Spondon GP surgery, a taxi is far too expensive, if I used public transport I would have to travel to Derby from there out from Derby to Chaddesden then a fair walk to the surgery then vice versa to get back home. This new build will sadly be so much worse for every person to access an appointment in Spondon and will also have an impact on the Chaddesden surgery too, especially for pensioners like me.

I fear that the bus service will be affected severely by this build too, volume of passengers and the length of time for the bus to reach us, I often leave rather early to give myself time to cross the already busy Dale Road as I am nervous of crossing this road to catch a bus into Derby, I try and meet my friends at least once a week but I am concerned whether I will be able to maintain this pleasure especially if it comes to a time that I cannot walk as far as the village to use a pelican crossing to access the bus if I feel I can no longer get across Dale Road safely.

Another amenity that is worrying me is the school places at West Park School, my own children and grandchildren have attended this school and we hope that my great grandchildren will too, although this is now of real concern as this school is already oversubscribed and with an addition 200+ dwellings could seriously impact their chances due to the competition trying to get a place.

It really saddens me that an Ancient Woodland is being considered for development, as over the decades I have seen Spondon grow to what I feel is a small town from a village, fortunately, it is still a very close knit community. There is so little Green space left in Spondon and wonder whether building on Greenbelt is legal as I cannot get any information on the special circumstances that you

are claiming. This new build will be disjointed and the residents will probably feel they do not belong to our borough or Erewash.

I like my daughter and son-in-law enjoy dining at Bartlewood Lodge and my husband's resting place at Dale Hill, I fear this will become less frequent as I know both have got concerns how busier the roads will become.

I really would appreciate clarification as to whether there has been any metering of the air and noise pollution and what the anticipation it will be from the additional traffic from the 200+ dwellings that would potentially be coming through Spondon.

Unfortunately, when I had my cataracts done (two separate appointments) I had no choice to accept that my daughter would have to take me due to the time of the appointment allocated to me. I was rather nonplussed why we had to leave as early as we did, this entailed further stress for me getting up earlier it also it takes me a little longer to get ready nowadays, but having had the appointments it became clear to me the rationale behind my daughter's concerns due to the traffic.

Currently and may it contain for a few more years, I am a keen gardener with the help from my son-in-law, due to the garden being waterlogged I have lost many beautiful plants and shrubs, I envisage that this could potentially get worse due the build creating more surface water, we have suffered enough flooding, roads lifting over the years, Spondon's systems to deal with additional housing is not fit for purpose.

I do not believe Erewash Council has shown any respect or empathy towards the residents of Spondon, they want this build to go ahead so it is not on their doorstep, no drain on their amenities including no monetary costs them too.



Photo taken by son-in-law of the gate you have attached your signage.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Patricia Roberts

