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Hi Chris

A letter that came in on Monday attached.

Simon



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I think this is for you Simon, or relates to Local Plan at least?

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FYA – please see attached

Kind regards,

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16th February, 2023

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Re: Response to plans for field on the east of Eckington Way

I have been living on Springwell Grove since [REDACTED] and feel I can reliably state what has happened in the area since then.

Traffic

When I first moved, I was working away from the home, and because of the traffic situation, used to arrive at work more than an hour before I was due to start; if I did not, I could not guarantee I would be there in time due to the rush hour traffic. Public transport was not an option because of location. Since 2011 the work I do is now from home, so I avoid rush hour traffic usually, but occasionally have been caught up in long tailbacks from the A57 roundabout. For those who have no choice but to travel at peak times, the situation has only become worse and the idling traffic adds to pollution.

Development

At the meeting, it was disingenuously suggested that objectors were fundamentally opposed to development. This is categorically not true. Over the time I have been here, there has been a great deal of development in the area on the west of Eckington Way – e.g. the shops in the TK Maxx block; the Halfords garage; the shops / cafes in the Lidl block and the current development behind it; and the new Asda. On the east of Eckington Way there was the change of use of St Luke's Hospice to the Beckton Centre and the building of St Anne's Court, which have brought their own issues. The Beckton Centre creates much more traffic and parking issues along Sevenairs Road during term time, often spilling over into Springwell Grove, making driving onto and off the estate more problematic; and I have been witness to examples of anti-social and sometimes illegal activity connected to St Anne's Court. The new Burger King will no doubt create more issues, as much of the litter can be attributed to the discarding of packaging from the numerous fast food outlets. It is not development per se that I object to, but the type of development – bringing industry over into what is an established residential community and agricultural area, impacting on the lives of that community and its infrastructure. There is also the issue of the high pressure gas pipe to consider – access is required to that, and it could be affected by development.

Environment

I have referred to traffic pollution, which will only be exacerbated by the proposed development. At the meeting, we were assured that only certain types of industry would be allowed to utilise the space. However, whatever is placed there will only increase pollution, traffic, litter and noise, both during construction and in use. It is also reducing green space in the area – during the lockdowns experienced in recent years, the nature around that area brought me much solace. An industrial park and travellers' site would do nothing to aid my mental health, nor that of the people further up Springwell Grove and Sevenairs Road which back directly onto the site. They will have constant intrusion into their lives on a daily basis. Furthermore, the location is only separated from the green belt by a footpath. Development so close could only be detrimental to that green belt.

Travellers' Site

Again, at the meeting we were told that the travellers' pitches would be at the north edge of the site. This is not really a comfort – the site is not that large.

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The site's location is also an issue. The council does have other traveller sites, both of which are much smaller and much further away from established residential communities than this one. One of these is just over a mile away from this site – is there really no other place in Sheffield? It is a large city; we already have the one site at Holbrook, the Becton Centre and St Anne's Court in the locality, so it is not as if we are rejecting the site on social inclusion. While travellers have clearly defined rights, and the council has an obligation to provide facilities, surely we, as local residents, should also have them? Please consider other sites and share inclusion around the city.

The Meeting

I am sure the council was aware that publishing the proposed plans would provoke a response. However, the initial location was small, and the second not much better – I was the first to arrive and was able to count seats for 94 people. The current number of people who have signed the petition to stop the site is 2823, so this was hardly adequate, and I know of many locals who were annoyed they were unable to attend. However, it was pleasing to see that this is a wider issue than just the residents of the Springwell / Sevenairs estate, and many attendees were from further away, suggesting that this is not merely a 'Not in my backyard' issue. It was also interesting to be told that in July, Eckington Way was not the preferred location. If the purpose of the meeting was to allay residents' concerns and answer questions, it did not do its job. The chair read out a list of questions, allowed attendees to ask questions, but very few received answers. Most significantly, one attendee asked for a show of hands as to who was in favour of the development. No one responded. So if local residents, your own local councillors and committee members either don't want the development, or are too scared to stand up and be counted over it, I suggest these plans are scrapped immediately.

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Fiona White

