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To: Erewash Core Strategy Review  
Subject: Core Strategy Review

I would like to refer to the land at Acorn Way referred to as SGA1 in your Core Strategy Review.

I strongly object to the proposed housing development on the land between Morley Road and Acorn Way.

It is difficult to understand and see how this housing would benefit the housing needs of Erewash Borough Council. The land falls within Derby City boundaries and would have no benefit to the residents in Erewash such as Long Eaton, Ilkeston, Sandiacre etc. and would only benefit Derby City residents and Derby City's housing stock and increasing the Oakwood housing estate which is already big enough or in fact too big for the facilities available.

Firstly one of the major concerns is the flooding this development will cause to the area. Already during heavy rainfall Morley Road is like a river with water pouring from the fields. If houses were to be built on those fields there would be no natural drainage and more water coming onto Morley Road. The amount of rainfall these fields hold will be substantial and without that it would lead to more flooding at the bottom of Morley Road at the junction of Deborah Drive, which is difficult to get through at such times, and also to residents of Besthorpe Close which already suffer from flooding at such times of heavy rainfall. Acorn Way also floods in two places and again this will increase and become impassable. With climate change rainfall is getting more so the impact on the environment is already too much without taking away natural drainage. During the recent storm Babet the bottom of Lime Lane flooded as well as Breadsall, which was made worse by the new development at the bottom of Lime Lane when the lake created for such occurrences overflowed, showing these lakes don't work.

Another major concern is there is no infrastructure for the residents of the proposed 600 houses. There are already major problems trying to get to see a doctor in Oakwood. There are always posts on Oakwood neighbours Facebook page of people having problems. Where will these extra residents, possibly 2000 people, go to the doctors. I have personally had a terrible experience when my mum, an Oakwood resident, couldn't get an appointment and she passed away because of it. This was prior to Covid and is now even worse. We also have to travel to Normanton to see either a nurse or a doctor as there are no appointments in Oakwood available, luckily we can drive but some people don't.

There are also no NHS dentists within Oakwood and therefore many residents have to travel further afield, my family included. Again no infrastructure for these extra proposed residents.

With 600 house's proposed this would bring an estimated extra 1200 cars to this area. The roads just cannot take these extra cars. Morley Road is already too busy and when Lees Brook children are going home it is a no go area, it is difficult to get through and will become more dangerous for the children trying to get home. I personally have sat in this traffic and it is frustrating to local residents. The Morley Road junction with Lime Lane, Acorn Way junction with Nottingham Road and Bishops Drive and Mansfield Road junction as well as routes through Chaddesden all have long queues at peak times and this would impact greatly if these houses were built. There are already too many

accidents in the area, including recent fatalities and this will get worse with more cars on the road within this area.

There is also a lack of public transport that would serve this development. There is only one bus per hour that goes along Morley Road which travels between Derby and Ilkeston and this stops early evening. All residents on this housing development would be car dependent so again adding to additional cars in the area.

There are not enough school places to take in any extra children this development would bring. I personally have been unable to get my children into Park View Primary School in Oakwood as it has insufficient places for all Oakwood children. When I moved to Oakwood I had to leave my 2 eldest children at a school in Alvaston and when my youngest daughter started school she went to Breadsall Village primary school which is now full due to the two other new housing developments in Oakwood. There is also only one secondary school which has recently been rebuilt and this would not have enough places and there would be no funds or room to build extra classrooms.

I would also like to know if there has been a green belt study done to change this land from green to brown belt as the impact of the removal of this needs to be justified, especially during this time of climate emergency. It would also have an impact on local residents losing walkways and having a negative impact on them. Also has a wildlife study been done on this land to justify losing yet more green belt and habitat for the local wildlife. I would like to see evidence of both.

Yours sincerely  
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