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Good Afternoon,

My name is Paul Genever.

Following my objection to this proposal submitted in Spring 2022, I confirm that I still object on the points originally mentioned and on the following grounds:

Building on Greenbelt at a time of massive Climate change seems nonsensical and as I understand the situation building on Greenbelt should only be considered as a last resort. I have not seen any evidence based reasons or reports as to why non-greenbelt land within Erewash has even been considered or why such sites have been dismissed.

I cannot see how this proposed development would benefit Erewash other than to add revenue from Council tax and reduce their new build target numbers. I doubt that Erewash residents would want to move to what essentially would be an extension of Oakwood, Chaddesden and Spondon. Put simply Derby City Council would incur all of the ongoing costs with none of the revenue benefits.

Morley Road cannot currently cope with all the traffic as it is, especially at rush hour, School opening and closing times. By increasing the vehicle volumes (which would inevitably arise with the extra 600 home development) huge additional congestion would occur with a substantially increased air pollution in the area. Many accidents have occurred locally including a recent incident where a pedestrian was knocked over on Morley Road. Also a car overturning landing on its roof, following a collision on the Morley Road and Acorn Way roundabout only last week. It should also be mentioned that Acorn Way already comes to a standstill at rush hour. During weekday mornings (07.00 to 09.30) queues regularly backup from the Acorn Way/Derby Road island past the pedestrian controlled lights and in the afternoons (15.30 to 18.00) the traffic queues up on Acorn Way from the Morley Road island. Weekends are no better with regular queues developing throughout.

As I understand the situation there is no provision for additional Bus Services or routes, just a proposal to ask bus service providers to increase their services. Morley Road is currently abysmally served, only having one bus per hour Mondays to Saturdays and NO service on Sundays. The last evening bus to leave Derby - Monday to Friday is 18.56 and 18.46 on Saturday. The lack of a adequate bus services will result in new residents being more car dependent, as otherwise they would not be able to get to existing local amenities as there appears to be no reference for additional shops etc on the proposed the new development.

There are no proposals to provide any extra GP or Dentist surgeries. The existing surgeries in the area are already over subscribed and understaffed (there is also currently a National shortage of GPs). It can be nigh on impossible to contact your local GP practice by phone and when you do available appointments appear to be non-existent.

Also there are no proposals to provide any additional Schools and those in the area are again already oversubscribed, resulting in children of existing residents struggling to secure a place, having to travel out of area which adds to road congestion and air pollution.

Morley Road is already classed as a Medium risk flood zone and High risk in some parts, regularly flooding in lower areas. Building on green fields would exacerbate the risk of flooding and the creation of drainage ditches and ponds are not always the solution. On the other side of Oakwood recent heavy rain caused flooding on Mansfield Road at its's junctions with Brookside Road and Lime Lane and in Breadsall village when the drainage ditches and pond at the smaller, new development Lime Tree Court, couldn't cope and overflowed.

A recent report by the National Audit Office published in The Times on 15 November 2023 suggests that with Climate Change bringing more frequent and heavy rainfall, flooding as a result of new housing is inevitable.

In closing there are many other reasons as to why the proposed development should not proceed but the above points outline my main objections.

Paul Genever.