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Monday 29th October 2018

Planning ref no 18/00119/FUL

Dear Martyn Leigh

I am writing to express my concern at the proposed development plans to the land south of Grove Street, Ashton-under-Lyne. I have several concerns in relation the plans and strongly feel this will have a devastating impact on the local community and the surrounding environment.

Firstly there is a huge health and Safety risk to the public within the proposal to open access to cars from Grove Street though to Lindisfarne Road. Lindisfarne has no pavement and is not designed for large amounts of traffic. Children regularly play on this street and dog walkers also frequently use it. Not only will this have a huge impact on traffic levels on a quite residential estate it will also cause a dangerous rat run to be created between Droylsden and Ashton Moss. There are already serious traffic problems in relation to Curzon Ashton Football club and the large number of cars often creating long tail backs on Richmond Street. The proposed plans will only add to this already traffic heavy area.

Also the proposed plot of land was written into the original plans for the estate as a children's play area, how can this be rightfully/morally taken away from us now? The housing being built is not affordable so will not benefit low income families so is NOT a necessity and is not good reason to cause so much upset and upheaval for local residents.

The proposed plans state that there are already recreational areas for residents. This is incorrect as the running track is owned by the running club and the field on Richmond belongs to the Curzon Ashton football club so is regularly used by the club, not an open free space. The field behind the proposed site is also owned by farmers and is used for horses, not a safe place for children to play. The land behind this is also up for proposed development for a large housing estate. This will mean our small backfield will be the only green space left within our estate. The backfield is officially listed as protected green space so I am totally amazed that this can be sold for financial gain without the thought for the local environment or future generations to come.

There is also the issue of the maintenance of the land running from the backfield to Croxdale Close. If left unmaintained this will soon become overgrown and allowing vermin to breed etc... and will also not be in keeping with the rest of the estate. Tameside have already ceased cutting the grass so this stretch of land is already an eyesore!

Yours Faithfully

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