

Letter of Objection:

I wish to object, both to the appropriation and the proposed disposal of land at Arrowe Park Road - Ref: PAR/LHRAM/33687.

Please acknowledge receipt of such.

It is time that carbon lock-up was focussed on by Wirral Council (and not simply by Councillors attending a course). Retaining this such land as amenity green space, and valuing it as such, is the direction that we have to move in now, considering the effect of environmental degradation air pollution and increased carbon is having on the public by way of pandemics, lung diseases, etc.

The land is being greatly undervalued, both in financial terms and in it's environmental importance to the people of Upton and Wirral.

Wirral Council has been breaching the law in excessive tree-felling in contravention of the Wildlife & Countryside Act 1991 on a regular basis in regard to trees lost on the Wirral, since 2015. This tree-loss is worse than Sheffield's cull where; "Sheffield Council misled the public, misrepresented expert advice & acted with a "lack of honesty" during the city's tree-felling scandal, a damning investigation has found"

Wirral Council have been failing in their statutory duties to;

- i) protect trees and
- ii) to protect biodiversity.

Re-planting elsewhere cannot substitute this proposed loss of habitat, mature trees are essential to our ecology.

The Upton land disposal involves the loss of over 20 valuable significant trees, green space and hedgerow.

This sale of land for car parking follows the trend of de-valuing green space on Wirral and it must stop.

This part of Upton is already an area of severe traffic congestion.

There are plenty of retail parks in the area, with empty property spaces which need to be utilised before concreting over more land.

Yet another supermarket here will further detract from Upton Village, contributing to small business loss.

It adds to sales of significant wooded areas and green spaces at a time when we really have to focus on carbon lock-up/amenity space/significant oxygen producing, pollutant filtering canopy habitats with flood alleviating vegetation and topsoil conservation, moving away from further such environmental, social, economic and health degeneration as turning greenspace into car parks.

Upton's share of The Millenium Wood has already been eaten away at by Bellway and the area cannot afford further loss of amenity and environmentally valuable green space;

HRH Prince Charles states (BBC 1, 29.11.2020):

"Many people are now hopefully more aware of the critically important role that trees and regenerated fertile soil in particular, play in combatting climate change. It is absolutely vital that more trees are planted whilst ensuring that we protect what we already have.

Trees do, of course, provide so many other benefits; improving biodiversity, providing critical habitat and generally making for a healthier and happier place for us all to live in."

Every green space needs to now be valued for the health-giving benefits which it can provide.

Despite the extra cost financially, car parks must be multi-storey on current concreted spaces, in order to prevent sprawling impervious concreting over vital green-spaces in our towns and villages.

It is time that we stopped having to pay the price for supermarkets, and property developers, profiteering from damaging our environment.

Yours Sincerely