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Dear CCC

With very little notice last Thursday a public meeting was held in the Heaton road scout hall and it was packed to the brim with people unable to even get through the door. Such was the outpouring of support to save the orchards.

What will be left of our pretty city or indeed our country if we keep paving over our farmlands?! Maybe we should be curbing immigration! This little island simply cannot keep taking more and more people. We cannot keep turning our green spaces into tarmac and housing developments. This seems like a no brainer. We have a housing crisis? Maybe we have an overcrowded population crisis...

Has anyone thought of this - Why not build and encourage more people to live in existing villages where schools have such tiny numbers..? Why not spread out the housing builds instead of just plonking a thousand homes in one space and indeed on well-loved green space that the current residents (from young families to elderly retirees) desperately hold dear? Not everyone has a car remember, to drive off into the countryside, so many people rely on being able to walk to the orchards. The orchards is home to such biodiversity as well as a refuge for those seeking to improve their mental health.

Where will we go to walk our dogs or bird watch or show our children what farm lands and fruit trees look like? Are we destined to raise our children in soulless suburbia?

The plans to make Hollow Lane the main through road to a development in Merton Park is ludicrous. And Wincheap school is already full to the max. Please build somewhere else!

Yours sincerely
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