



Regulation 19 Consultation. Re Merton Park (Policy N1)

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This huge development is unsound on so many levels.

1) Access to site for construction vehicles

This proposal is unsound because the site access is wholly inadequate. All the potential roads are narrow, in places only one car wide and already congested. There is no way to make Hollow Lane wider as houses abut the road with high banks in other places.

Site traffic will cause major disruption to residents, damage the roads, causing congestion to surrounding road routes, not only causing chaos but air quality (already poor in Wincheap) will deteriorate further.

2) Vague access

This plan is unsound and difficult to comment on, because there is a vague arrow suggesting approximately where traffic would enter Hollow Lane, it's somewhere south of the roundabout (possibly) but exactly where the junction would/could be is unknown. But vitally important.

3) Utilities

This site is unsound as SE Water will be unable to provide water to these properties nor will it cope with the sewerage generated. We cannot have yet more sewerage spills into the River Stour.

4) Flooding

Rain water already pours down Hollow Lane after heavy rainfall and that's with the orchards and fields absorbing some of it.

It is unsound as it will be like a canal when the area is built on.

5) Biodiversity

This development is unsound as the orchard provides a healthy ecosystem for a huge variety of creatures including birds on the red endangered list. It forms part of the "lungs of Wincheap". Once destroyed these nature havens can never be replaced. Surely we need to protect these areas?

I strongly object to this unsound and badly thought out policy and the negative impact it would have on the land and those who already live in the area.

Please either rethink, scale it down or abandon it.

Yours sincerely
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