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Dear Sir/ Madam,

I have just tried to leave my comments via the online standard response form on your website, but this is far from being a straightforward process and it is unclear as to which page should be used for general comments.

As a resident of Grappenhall for the last [REDACTED] years I must voice my concern regarding the current consultation regarding future housing developments for the local area.

The main reason for moving to Grappenhall was to raise our family in a pleasant semi rural environment. Nobody is against progress and development. We accept that additional housing is required, however it has to be done in a manner which is in keeping with what currently exists otherwise it shows a complete lack of respect and care for existing residents. The development at Grappenhall Heys has been done in a manner which compliments the surrounding area.

However the development that is being proposed is on a scale which would completely change the area. Is this really necessary? Are there other options under serious consideration? The practical implications for the area would be huge. Local services, such as schools, doctors, dentists, hospitals are already stretched to the limit. Local roads are frequently gridlocked. This is not helped by the Latchford swingbridge stopping traffic a few times per day. In addition to this, any disruption on the M6 results in traffic diverting through Grappenhall bringing all surrounding roads to a complete standstill. This happens on a regular basis.

It is surprising and disappointing that no direct mailing has been made to local residents to advise them of the consultation process. We like many residents were only made aware of the proposal pretty late in the day, when we received information from the local Liberal Democrats, which has not given residents a lot of time to respond. For any development to be a success it must be done in harmony and consultation with local residents. The way that this process has been handled to date does not seem to be encouraging the debate. Rather it seems to be giving existing residents the bare minimum required regarding opportunity to voice their concerns. This simply raises peoples suspicions with regards to the councils motivation and intention.

I hope that common sense will prevail and a more harmonious and inclusive consultation process develops going forward.

Regards

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