

Charnwood Local Plan – Post Hearing Consultation Response

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I wish to object that the draft Transport Strategy for Charnwood allows developers to assess site specific impacts of their own site.

The sites proposed Laburnum Way, Woodthorpe and Moat Road are in close vicinity and would impact considerably on the existing roads around these areas.

I live on [redacted] and have done so since the 'Heathcote Mews' estate was built some 20 years ago. The developers (Miller Homes) certainly did not allow for homes owners to have adequate parking or access for tradesmen or visitors. Residents / visitors / Tradesmen have to park on the road and for this reason driving down the length of the road is hazardous as the road is not wide enough for the traffic and cars driving into the estate and onwards into the Grange Park Estate.

Most residents from Nos [redacted] have replaced their grassed frontage with hard surfaces to remove the necessity where possible to park on the road. So much for the developers' view of 'Mews'.

Numbers [redacted] have difficulty pulling onto their drives due to the oncoming traffic. There is frequent road rage with horns etc due to the limited passing areas. This has been raised before. Community police officers have been consulted all to no avail.

This year Nos [redacted] received a letter from Leicester County Council advising that they were in breach of the Highways Act 1980 - Section 131 - Damage to Roadside Verge. We were told to cease crossing or parking on the verges or action would be taken to recover the costs. None of the residents park on the verges. The majority of the damage has been caused by verges used as passing areas. Yet here we are looking at increasing the traffic only this time adding Newstead Way and Corydalis Close into the mix. These roads won't cope with being an entry point for a proposed development.

Neither Miller Homes or the Grange Park developers considered the main access road - Haddon Way to Highland Drive although both estates were being developed at the same time.

In addition the SD-2 Charnwood Local Plan acknowledges since Covid19 the move to online shopping (section 2.23). Why is access not considered for housing estates?

Also Section 2.29 Table 4 indicates Woodthorpe is a settlement with limited service and facilities for day to day needs of residents. Section 2.40 Table 5 indicates small hamlets / villages would not increase in size. So why is this development being considered? It would cease being a hamlet.

The Charnwood Plan acknowledges the uniqueness of the area given the proximity to the Outwoods. If this development and Moat Road is approved this will open the whole area up to other developers. The Charnwood area will cease to exist.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I hope you will consider my comments.

Regards
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