

Charnwood Local Plan – Post Hearing Consultation Response

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I am writing to express my opposition to the plan to build 1350 homes on the Grange Park Estate on the south end of Loughborough. Mistakes of previous developers with regard to traffic impact has meant dangerous driving conditions around key routes in the estate such as Haddon Way, Laburnum road and Highlands Road. There are blind corners where parked cars force you into the oncoming traffic lane, you have to hope nothing is coming the other way. Mini roundabouts having parked cars on the entrance and exits to it meaning sometimes you meet a car coming in the opposite direction and they or/and you have to stop and reverse to pass each other. The road layout is built to maximise the number of houses on it, not availability of car parking spaces and safe travel on the roads.

I have no confidence that developers, left to plan their own site specific traffic impacts, will produce safe plans. The impact of three large developments (HA16, HA17 and HA15) will increase the burden on existing routes that can barely cope as it is. The proposals have been rejected once already due to traffic issues and there have been no changes since then. Why are they suddenly ok now? It makes no sense. I urge you to reject the proposals. I believe the traffic generated from these estates will lead to a dangerous environment to pedestrians and road users alike.

Kind regards

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