
I am writing to object to the proposed housing development on Vicarage Farm, in fact I was horrified to hear the **scale** of this proposal.

I have lived in Trentwood Side for since 2008, purchasing a home in a no-through road was perfect for our young family. Both our children attend the local schools in Bincote Road.

The traffic on Enfield Road/Slades Hill is appalling even during these 'new' normal times where many people are still work from home. Many drivers do not reduce their speed when approaching the roundabout on the junction of our road. Even if a new road layout is introduced, how safe will our children be walking to school when vehicle numbers increase?

What about pollution - how does this support the government's Clean Air Strategy in **protecting the nation's health, the environment and reducing emissions?**

How will the increase numbers impact our already overstretched schools? The local schools have increased class and year group sizes for at least the past 6 years.

Access to Trent Park via the public footpaths along Vicarage Farm provided a lifeline for many people during the pandemic, supporting community spirit, enabling exercise, mental wellness and limiting car use.

What impact will the development have on our future generations, wildlife and environment?

Why aren't existing brownfield sites not being fully utilised to resolve the issues.

I understand there is a shortage of social housing and affordable homes but how many of these properties will fall under these categories? We can see from the Trent Park development how the homes being built are not affordable homes. We can also see how the development is seeping over and restricting public access to the park. What will we be left with if we lose or have limited access to Whitewebbs Park, Trent Park and open spaces of Hadley Wood, Crews Hill, Ramey Marsh, Holly Hill? Plus losing the equestrian centre and Crews Hill garden centres and golf course - these are what make our borough eclectic, charming, a place to breathe. This proposed development will erase the best parts of our borough and detrimental to the quality of many lives.

Much of the draft proposal sites are part of historic Enfield Chase, the loss of this valuable landscape would cause permanent harm to the very character of the borough. Destroying green belt land and replacing it with thousands of buildings and roads will be a big step in the wrong direction.

