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For the attention of Gary Palmer
Solihull MBC

BY HAND

8 February 2019,

Dear Sirs,

Latest Draft of Solihull Local Plan (the Plan)

I consider that Site 4 should be removed entirely from the Plan for the following reasons:

1. There is a significant impact on the function of high performing Green Belt status of land, which will be lost, and would be contrary to Government Policy; there would be coalescence between Dickens Heath, Whitlock End, Majors Green and Bromsgrove District.
2. There would be a loss of sports grounds/recreation areas for 9 clubs which is contrary to Government Policy.
3. There would be a loss of Village character that makes it attractive. The award winning design & concept of Dickens Heath is of a new village surrounded by Green Belt with no part more than 800 m / 10 mins walk from village centre – Site 4 housing proposals are beyond this circle. Any proposals to make a footpath onto Birchy Close would be strongly resisted by the residents. Therefore the location of Site 4 is unsustainable: not linked to Dickens Heath (no physical connection by road or cycleway or footpath) and outside the 800 m circle from the village centre. There are existing natural boundaries to the Village - canal to east and north, line of woodland (Ancient woodland, LNR) on west side and this proposal will be out on a limb detracting from the character of the Village.
4. The sports fields are liable to flooding most years and would exacerbate the flooding problem to neighbouring properties. The Site consists of deep boulder clay which does not drain well and dwellings would need to be built on deep piles.
5. Dickens Heath and Tidbury Green have already taken more than their 'fair share' of development in the Borough during the last Local Plan allocations.

Yours faithfully,



Graham Thomas