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I am writing in response to the Proposed Housing Allocation 11 Former TRW Site, Shirley.

I have lived in Blackford Road for almost 18 years and, as I'm sure my neighbours would agree, that a large incentive to buy property in the road was the open green space at the back which includes many mature trees. It is a well-known fact that trees have a beneficial and positive effect on the environment, apart from housing a large variety of birds such as owls and woodpeckers. The proposed plan includes destroying around 200 trees which seems hardly in keeping with the Solihull motto of Mrs-in-Reve.

Our rural spaces are fast diminishing and one alternative could surely be to begin the proposed housing further away from the backs of the existing properties.

The staggering number of houses would surely impact on services and traffic.

Where would they be allocated schooling, access to medical treatment etc? Traffic is already problematic on Dog Kennel Lane and Blackford Road. It would be unsustainable with an additional 572 houses in direct proximity.

I also question the integrity of Persimmon Homes (please find the enclosed article from the Daily Mail dated 6th March 2019).

I do hope the council will consider revising the proposed plan, we in Blackford Road are the only people directly affected as it is the only residential road in the plan.

Yours faithfully,

(Mrs) 