

TO. DAME CAROLINE SPELMAN MP.  
FROM. DAVID HARRIS KIXLEY LANE RESIDENT

SUBJECT DRAFT LOCAL PLAN.

DATE. 18 FEB 2019. GOLDEN END FARM REFAL.  
RE. SUPPLEMENTARY LETTER 29 JAN 2019

ATTACHED

DEAR DAME CAROLINE

THE ATTACHED LETTER RECEIVED  
BY WRITER - MY COMMENTS AND  
THOUGHTS ON CONTENT.

1. ENVELOPE. ADDRESSED TO OWNER/OCCUPIER.  
NUMBER OF RESIDENCE NOT RECEIVED OTHERS  
NOT OPENED THROWN AWAY AS JUNK MAIL
2. GOBBLEDEGOOK. NOT CLEAR ENGLISH  
AND NOT CLEAR IF IN DRAFT LOCAL PLAN  
OR NOT. PURPOSELY CONFUSING? AND WHY  
SUPPLEMENTARY LETTER?
3. AMBER SITE? AMBER IS A FOSSILIZED  
TREE RESIN. CONFUSED DOT COM WHAT  
IT MEANS.
4. GOLDEN END FARM REFAL Kenilworth Rd  
Kixley Lane - GRAND UNION CANAL. HAS IT  
BEEN SOLD TO A PROPERTY DEVELOPER  
RECENTLY?
5. LETTER DATED 29th 2019. SENT ONLY TO  
ADJACENT PROPERTIES. AS IF LOSS OF  
GREEN BELT/FARM LAND AND 300 HOUSES DOES  
NOT EFFECT US ALL, SOUTHALL COUNCIL HAVE  
1200 EMPTY DERELICT HOUSES.
6. FEEDBACK SUBMIT YOUR VIEWS - NO MENTION  
OF POSTAL. NOT ALL RESIDENCE HAVE  
COMPUTERS.

## Kixley Lane – a well-trodden path...

With the proposed development of 91 new houses off Hampton Road, Knowle's rural outlook looks set to change further. The development by Miller Homes includes a bog meadow which borders Kixley Lane, one of Knowle's oldest roads. Despite being close to the High Street, this lane has a lovely country feel and is enjoyed by local people as a route to canal towpaths and the countryside paths beyond.

Kixley Lane - from kix (cow parsley) and ley (and left fallow) - was mentioned as early as 1327, when it was referred to as Kyches Leye. It was probably part of the route which villagers took in the middle ages to get to Hampton Church. This route crossed the river Blythe at Eastcote, then a river to be reckoned with and the main reason that in 1396, Walter Cook, one of Knowle's great benefactors, applied for a faculty for Knowle to have its own chapel and churchyard (now Knowle Parish Church.)

The Children's Field, established by Canon Downing and bought by public subscription in 1910, was vested to the National Trust 'for use by the children of Knowle forever', and has created a lovely open space at Kixley Lane adjoining the Churchyard. Just further along is a side entrance to Knowle School. There then comes a row of cottage-type housing, built in the 1920s as council homes for working families. At this time Knowle was still a small village, but house-building quickly followed on other country lanes: Waste Lane (now Longdon Road), Hampton Lane (now Hampton Road) and on Tilehouse Green Lane, to name a few.



Whilst these lanes have now become modern residential roads, Kixley Lane has retained its rural charm. There are only three more houses en route to the quaint canal bridge. Far End, the oldest, was once an inn which served the busy canal traffic. The lane ends at Kixley Farm, where it dwindles into the old footpath heading over the fields towards Eastcote.

The field that is part of the Miller Homes development is named as a 'Site of Importance for Nature Conservation' and certainly its boggy nature, with a stream running through it, encourages plants and wildlife suited to this environment. I hope that it is also considered a site of importance for Knowle itself and that this little pocket by historical Kixley Lane remains unspoilt for future generations to enjoy.

*Janet Royle (with thanks to Eva Wootton's book: The History of Knowle)*