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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: SOLIHULL COUNCIL'S LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – SITE 4

Further to the publication of the Local Plan Review, I understand you are inviting comments.

My comments relate to Site 4, which I outline as follows:-

There are numerous sports fields included, which I understand will be replaced albeit, by an inadequate supply, albeit some located out of the local area and this includes the Old Yardleians Rugby Club, Highgate Football Club, Wychall Wanderers Football Club and the Fit Box Boot Camp on the Old Yardleians Rugby field. If these are removed, this will have an adverse effect on both children and adults who play rugby and football on these fields.

I understand that alternative facilities will be offered to the clubs, however these are substantially reduced and may well be outside the local area.

The land is high grade green belt and I believe the local plan conflicts with the Government Policy to protect green belt and develop brown field land first.

Site 4 is surrounded by five local wildlife sites and ancient woodland. Site 4 would be severely detrimental to the current wildlife which includes deer, badgers, bats and other wildlife that roam these fields and adjoining woodlands.

The narrow rural road network cannot take further development and is already overloaded.

Site 4 is mostly in flood zone 1; these fields flood every winter and whenever this is particularly heavy rainfall, as the area is of boulder clay which restricts permeability.

Some of the mitigation measures included in the plan are not achievable and thus, it is not sustainable.

The character and setting of the village will be adversely affected and the sense of community and identity compromised. There are strong definable boundaries to the existing village being the canal and the woodlands and ancient hedgerows.

Therefore, I strongly object to the development of Site 4 as this will have an adverse effect on our green belt, sports fields and wildlife to the Dickens Heath area which would be further impacted with even more car users.

Kind regards.

Yours faithfully

Robert Street