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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re Proposed Housing Development Site 12 Dog Kennel Lane.

I am writing to object to the proposed new Site 12, 1000 house development at Dog Kennel Lane Solihull. I am objecting on the grounds that the area surrounding Cheswick Green, has already had several other housing developments built such as Bloor Homes Cheswick Place, Bloor Homes Blyth Valley as well as Barratt Homes Evolution. I am therefore of the opinion that this area cannot support any further developments.

I have lived in Cheswick Green for forty- five years, and have found during the last few years there has been a gradual deterioration in the local services available to its residents. For example, I used to be able to arrange a doctor's appointment within a few days, now, I cannot get one for at least a week and quite often longer. Why are these new developments not having a Doctors surgery provided for their own residents instead of putting the increased load onto The Village Surgery which clearly cannot cope? Cheswick Green School is now having to be extended to cope with the additional intake of children from these new developments. Cheswick Way, in the area of the school, is already an accident waiting to happen due to the number of parents trying to park when delivering or collecting their children from the school, so what will it be like if another major development affects it? It is morally wrong to build all these developments without the facilities they need locally available within them, and not to allow their residents to overcrowd the existing ones at Cheswick Green.

Surely, there are other areas in the borough that can be found for building new homes possibly brown field sites, as opposed to using up precious green belt land.

The roads are also becoming overcrowded, I often walk the lanes in this area, and it is obvious to me that at peak times the traffic is excessive for their size and therefore struggling to cope.

There are far too many houses being built in this area: there were approximately one thousand built, but now there are two thousand, and by the time the Blyth Valley development is completed it will bring the number up to three thousand. If the Dog Kennel Lane development goes ahead there will be a further one thousand homes all trying to use the local services that were originally provided for only a quarter of that number.

I appreciate there is a need for new housing in the Midlands but the area surrounding Cheswick Green has already had more than it can realistically cope with, so I urge you as a council to please rethink this option.

Yours Faithfully,

J W Corbett.