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Re: Draft Local Plan Consultation Response

I have just been looking through the draft local plan consultation, which covers the area of Shirley, and would like to make some comments.

Ok, so you have to provide 15,000 houses in the borough over the next 15 years, and it seems that Shirley is bearing the brunt of this development. Fifteen years of course is a good length of time so I realise that the building won't be taking place all at one time. Some of the building work mentioned has already been finished, and I would like to make some particular points to consider while the draft plans can still be amended.

I would really like to stress that any developments on the Stratford Road should have attractive frontages and not be so close to this heavily utilised main carriageway. Pollution is very heavy on the main road from the M42 junction through to the centre of Birmingham. Please consider the health of those unfortunate residents who will be living inside these units. However, nice they are inside, doesn't make up for having heavy pollution on your doorstep. You really need to make sure that enough green areas are available for residents to be able to enjoy some fresh air. You must make sure enough trees are planted and pleasant seating areas, especially in units which are close to the congested Stratford Road. And I don't mean in any way having seating areas overlooking the ugly Stratford Road. Please do everything you can to ensure the units are attractively situated so that the residents are not going to be looking at nothing else but this main carriageway. I wish they could be

housed much further away from the Stratford Road; it would give me so much more pleasure when we drive past the housing being built at present close to Porcelanosa.....I cringe every time we pass this new building....

Ok, so these sites are going to go ahead, I have no doubt, but please also give consideration to housing for those younger members of our society who are not as fortunate as many of the older generation who are retiring in their very nice Shirley houses often with a reasonable size garden. Life today is very stressful for many of the younger generation, so different from when I was young and one could get a job much more easily than today. The younger generation are having a hard time and I am sorry that some of them are liable to fall prey to a poor standard of living in housing which isn't suitable for anyone to live in, as they are unable to afford the price of their very first property.

Please consider the health and wellbeing of those who will be living within these modern units and remember to keep as much GREEN as you are able to spare. It's people's health that matters most.

On the positive side, the development of apartments inside Shirley Park is very pleasing and I am extremely impressed with how our Shirley Park has been looking lately. Parks and Gardens Department have done a great job and the park is very well utilised.

Thanks for allowing me to write my thoughts on the development of Shirley. Not too bad a place to live, but fast becoming a bit of a concrete jungle. Please make it greener.

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Resident of Shirley for 45 years!