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Re Groby Road South and North - Anstey Davidsons Development (Planning Ref P/20/2252/2 and P/20/2251/2)

With reference to notification of Davidsons revised masterplan. I remain deeply saddened by the proposal and strongly object. My views have not changed since I originally sent my views earlier in the year.

My main fear and objections is that Anstey is now already less of a village and bordering on blending with Leicester Town, meaning it will lose everything that makes Anstey a wonderful village to love to reside in. To cope with over 200 additional homes, we need to improve local amenities, traffic measures, local services and have a robust plan in place to tackle climate change and pollution. Also, the revised plan still has no respect for the for any of the current residents that will on the border of the new building areas.

Summary of objections raised previously in the year.

- Anstey has already grown considerably over the last 10 years. Three new developments have been built in recent years on both sides of Cropston Road, Two sites along Gynsill Leicester Road with links to Anstey.
- The Doctors Surgery is of main concern. I have moved to Anstey within the last 12 months and have gone from Special Care [REDACTED] at my previous Surgery to struggling to get an appointment at all. With our plans to start a family this is a real concern especially with the possibility of maybe 1000 more residents within the 200 homes. And this doesn't include residents in surrounding areas including Thurcaston to which they have plans to build a further 600 homes!
- Schools are also of a huge concern of ours with our plans to start a family. Will our children get a place in a Primary School, will they receive the best education possible if they are in an oversized classroom where the teachers are stretched to their limits also bearing in mind the surrounding villages also use these schools.
- Flooding – please refer to the videos I submitted on Thursday 28th January. As you will see the path created as walkways around my home to the rear of Peartree close, opposite the Davidsons St James site is completely underwater. In more recent years we have seen flooded pathways, fields and school playgrounds and fields.

There would need to be substantial measures taken to ensure the flood water does not increase with new developments on drainage land as the water hits worsened areas of Anstey around Latimer Primary School and at the brook.

- The road and levels of traffic is already chaotic. Our roads are gradually returning to pre Covid times with the nook becoming gridlocked. Once the development has been completed there will be at least 500 cars traveling to and from the development. Most residents travel through the village of Anstey using the nook daily. These roads are already overpopulated during rush hours. The new traffic light system has eased congestion slightly from Bradgate Road but has severely jammed Cropston Road. We cannot add any more cars to the existing roads during busy commutes.
Groby Road is dangerous at both ends leading to the A50 and Bradgate Road. Groby Road itself has obstacles with parked cars blocking access, making it one way only plus a poor lack of visibility often just having to risk it!
The only solution I can see is having Groby Road made into a main access road in both directions, not just the one-way slip road we have at present.

As a homeowner on Peartree Close with rear gardens backing onto the proposed development I have huge concerns.

Cunningly Davidsons submitted their last plans just hours prior to a council meeting where they had time on the agenda to present to councillors & residents. These plans added a desired green strip that Peartree residents were requesting as a duplicate of the site they built over the road (Burgin Road).

I am enraged to now see they have yet again gone back on their proposal, scrapping the green strip to squeeze as many houses in as possible. The current proposal has two-story homes across the back of our properties, many of those with garages that sit at the bottom of our gardens. These garages will have pitched roofs so this will greatly affect the light into our gardens and homes. The only reason for this that I can see for this change is to make room for extra housing, maximum profit! The plans seem to be cramming as many houses as they can onto the strip which was before left as green space.

To summarise this email, I object to the proposed development given that Anstey is already bulging with new homes and residents requiring access to services, schools and using the inadequate roads. As a recent buyer on Peartree Close, I do not agree with spending the next half a decade having my house filled with building dust, noise, the strains and stress that come with living next to a building site along with [REDACTED] wanting to raise a family. Turning an idyllic village lifestyle into a traffic jammed, high pollution, over populated extension of a town centre.

Regards,

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