

## Objection to Proposed Housing Development on Thelwall Heys

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I strongly object to the proposed housing development on the following grounds...

- 1. The destruction of our supposedly "protected" Green Belt**, previously rated as top quality by MAFF (now DEFRA) who categorised this land as TOP QUALITY agricultural grade. In view of the recent emphasis given to the preservation of the same by COP26 resolutions, this land should clearly be protected as part of the National fight against Global Warming. In the 2004 planning enquiry, Thelwall Heys was found to be functioning well as Green Belt and should not be developed. WBC defined the land as worthy of **Special Landscape Character** status and being distinctive from other surrounding areas. So, what has changed since then?
- 2. Fundamental and catastrophic degradation of the environment around the Grade 2-listed House** on Thelwall Heys with little regard to the irreplaceable value of this Heritage asset. Once the surroundings are gone - they are gone forever!
3. As an active nature-lover and the Leader of a local Bird-Watching group, I am appalled at the proposed impact on the Thelwall Heys wildlife and, in particular, its Bird population. **If the mature Trees, established Vegetation and Open Land go then the indigenous wildlife population will clearly follow with all of its negative ramifications.**
- 4. The negative impact on the recreational and physical use of the TPT and the Bridgewater Canal.** Thelwall Heys provides a natural buffer for these highly-used and valuable "well-being" assets. Both amenities are extensively utilised for the Physical and Mental benefit to the local population and beyond. The presence of a dense housing estate bordering these amenities will destroy the current close contact with nature and dramatically reduce/destroy their attraction!
- 5. It is not clear as to where the vehicular access to/from the Thelwall Heys proposed development will reside.** The only obvious entry/exit would appear to be via Cliffe Lane and through the present entrance by "The Lodge" building. As a local resident for the last 33 years, I am more than qualified to give evidence to the atrocious general road traffic situation in the Grappenhall/Thelwall area and I cannot stress too strongly to the folly of accessing the site from the A50. I cannot count the numerous occasions when the complete area becomes grid-locked, in rapid time, when the oftentimes occurrence of M6/M56/A50 traffic problems cascades into the surrounding area. In such circumstances, Cliffe Lane rapidly becomes a "rat-run" for traffic trying to access Warrington and the A50 becomes a virtual "car-park". No vehicular traffic can then move into or out of Cliffe Lane until the traffic problems eventually subside. Even at quieter times, the traffic throughput is considerable so additional stress on this thoroughfare and the area in general lacks any recognition of the inherent problems and is a disaster waiting to happen!

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