

Dear Sirs,

RE: SOM2 MBC/023/16

With reference to the above, I am writing to object that this area is suitable for housing, and my reasons are as follows:

1. It will diminish the significance and the setting to the whole of the Somerby Conservation area in the heart of the village and damage an area that has been preserved for over 150yrs
2. The site will have an adverse effect on the Leicestershire Round – Jubilee Way – which is intended to be a MBC green infrastructure flagship project. This proposed development site will harm land designated as Primary Green infrastructure.
3. The proposed site will have negative impact on the heritage assets of Somerby Village. Such as Grade1 Listed Church, Grade II listed buildings, and the Victorian Village School.
4. It will obscure the Somerby Church Spire and conservation area from the adjacent well used footpath and Newbold Lane – it will urbanise an important rural area.
5. The proposed site is likely to create traffic access issues directly onto the ‘ONE LANE’ High Street and not capable of being easily mitigated through improvements. An additional 75 plus cars and associated service traffic will increase noise carbon emissions and pollution. This will also overload the already inadequate ‘Victorian’ foul and surface water drainage system currently in the village.
6. MBC has erroneously classed Somerby as a Service Centre and capable of absorbing large development sites. THIS IS A FLAWED ASSESMENT! The majority of public services are at least 7 miles away.

I believe the proposed area currently belongs to ‘Ernest Cook Trust’ - I have looked on their website and have copied their quote:

In the 21st century, we take into account the principles of sustainability in its widest sense as well as following the best practices of land management, including the protection of the landscape and heritage assets, and working closely with tenants and local communities.

They appear to be going against all that they claim to be at the core of their belief system, so shame on them!

My last comment is this – I believe the current Government is incorrectly applying pressure on local Councils to build more homes, as there are currently over 700,000 homes empty in the UK.

Kindest Regards

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