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Subject: Re: Objections to plans for 'Monarch Park'

Date: 6 July 2021 at 09:16

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Hi David

Thank you so very much for your warm and prompt response.

Yes, the traffic issues and impact on health services are also very concerning to us indeed. We already find Lakeside Healthcare reliably stretched and insufficient in appointment availability and quality of care.

Thank you for passing on my strong feelings and concerns, please do keep me informed of progress if you are able.

Thank you again, I really appreciate your help and influence over this important issue.

Best wishes

Lise

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From: Cllr David Wilby <DWilby@rutland.gov.uk>

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Dear Dr Lise, thank you for your letter which I much enjoyed reading. As it happens, my son lives in Ross Drive and so I well recognise the good points you make. I have forwarded your letter on to the Chairman of the Rutland Planning Committee and also the Chairmen of both our Casterton Parishes and I am sure that you will gather more traction as the discussions go forward.

You may also like to consider the traffic management issues that are likely to be generated.....

On a more personal issue, thank you for all the vital work that you do in your professional role as an Educational Psychologist, a very rare and much valued commodity.

With very warmest wishes,
David

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On 5 Jul 2021, at 21:58, Lise Griffiths <lise_griffiths@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mr Coleman and Mr Wilby,

I am writing to you in great concern regarding the current plans for

I am writing to you in great concern, regarding the current plans for building developments in the North of Stamford at the site of the quarry, just off Casterton Road. I formally object to these plans and I outline my reasons below. I have also notified Larkfleet of my objections, through their website.

As a very local resident of this area (11 Bradshaw Close), my family and I use this area recreationally on a weekly, if not daily, basis. So do most, if not all, of our local friends. As I know you'll fully appreciate, this wonderful wild and natural site is a beautiful place for wooded walks, mountain biking, picnics and general outdoors green space and wellbeing. It is also clearly a place with high biodiversity and we frequently see a variety of butterflies, bees, dragonflies, frogs, and many other wildlife that is protected such as bats, newts and a wide range of wild birds. Even if plans are to maintain some green space, it is my view that this place is not, nor it should be, a landscaped, paved or manicured civic or country park. Its value is in its established wild habitats and the rough tracks for walking and cycling, and appreciating wild nature.

My family and I are devastated at the prospect of this special place on our doorstep being so unfairly taken away, as are my friends. My daughter has become the most confident mountain biker at age 5 and it is all because we have this perfect little oasis on our doorstep. She even helps me to pick litter that we find and cares for the place so very much. Our family relish in its mini wilderness.

If the hills, slopes and tracks of the wooded spinney part of the quarry were to be interfered with, our everyday lives would be much, much less rich for it. We go there after school, on weekends, and at any time we want fresh air and un-tampered-with nature.

Additionally, we have recently adopted our second daughter, and a huge part of what we had to offer as a family when we were chosen, were these wild and natural surroundings on our doorstep; for learning about nature, getting outdoors without going far, and the opportunity to experience wild adventure on a daily basis.

Another great thing is that for people in the North of Stamford, this place is far, far more accessible than Burghley or any other green space in our beautiful town, and it is a totally different kind of space. We always see different people enjoying the quarry and its woods including children, older people, dog walkers and

woods, including children, older people, dog walkers and teenagers. I have been filled with joy at seeing the young people of Stamford enjoying this outdoor wild space socially, and showing politeness and respect to those they come across.

As a practicing Child and Educational Psychologist, I am a very strong advocate for wellbeing and resilience, and the vital role green spaces and woods play in our children's lives. Children develop many vital skills and resources with true nature and physical adventure available. These include resilience, motivation and a respect for our planet through wild and free spaces where we can develop and flourish. Mountain biking, walking, scrambling, bush craft, nature conservation and countryside appreciation are all wonderful things we and our community can do in these woods. Not to mention the urgent importance of re-creating and repairing our country's biodiversity. 'Development' and 'growth' should be in the quality and preservation of our natural environment, and our children's resilience and enrichment. Not paving over precious green gems.

I am not in any way prepared to let this perfect little place be taken away from us and I'm ready to take this further if I have to. I am very hopeful that these deep concerns are going to be taken seriously and acted upon. We need to act to save our natural environment and the essential opportunities they hold.

Best wishes

Dr Lise Griffiths

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