

South Staffordshire Council
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22nd December 2022

To whom it may concern,

Letter of Objection: Proposed development at Linthouse Lane, Wolverhampton

I am writing to formally object to the inclusion of the site at Linthouse Lane, Wolverhampton, in the South Staffordshire Local Plan. Given the recent changes relating to the Black Country Plan, I believe now is the most appropriate time to raise this objection.

The site at Linthouse Lane is a precious piece of greenbelt land, providing access to green space to residents of both South Staffordshire and Wolverhampton. I am particularly concerned at this proposed development given that within the city boundary, only 11% of Wolverhampton is green space. The Linthouse Lane site therefore provides access to vital green space for the residents of Wolverhampton.

One of my important priorities as Mayor of the West Midlands is to do all I can to tackle health inequalities across our region. Sites like these are crucial to tackling such health inequalities, by providing residents with ready access to a space for exercise and recreation. These benefits are hugely significant in themselves, before one even considers the positive effect green spaces such as this one also have on air quality and biodiversity.

Alongside the clear negative consequences of the development in terms of access to green space, I am also concerned at the ability of local infrastructure in both council areas to cope with the increased demand. For example, junctions with Wood End Road, Kitchen Lane and Griffiths Drive will be directly affected by the increase in traffic flow such a development would bring – and indeed Linthouse Lane is already a particularly busy road.

For these reasons, I sincerely hope this site is removed from consideration and a more appropriate site found, to preserve this important piece of green space.

Yours sincerely,


Andy Street
Mayor of the West Midlands

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