

MIQ response from Kerry Crompton-Harris 47 re Matter 9 (Loveclough)

From: Kerry Crompton

Sent: 30 August 2019

To: Tony Blackburn;

Cc:

Subject: Local Development Plan – namely intended properties adjacent to the Loveclough Top Club / Commercial Street

Dear Sir / Madam

Please find listed below my concerns and responses in regard to the intended development of the above stated land –

1. Lack of consultation from RBC.

Had it not been for the LVRA, then I would not have been aware of the intended development and find that once the formal notification was issued to me by the council, it remains my belief that the land had already been purchased by LCC and the formal planning consent already be in progress; thus undermining the whole concept of consultation and as such a clear breach in legal requirements.

2. Flooding Concerns.

My property directly borders with the intended development, probably more so than any other property due to mine being a corner plot. I regularly view water build-up across the field intended for redevelopment and therefore, raise severe concern in regard to the increased risk of flooding. It is my understanding that a number of years prior, a neighbouring property to mine was flooded as a result of an under maintained culvert on said land and as such, resulted in flood water running through the garden of my property and directly into the front of a neighbouring property. Additionally, the slant of the field flows heavily downwards and therefore, water will undoubtedly increase to the bottom of the intended development, directly where my property is located.

3. Lack of Infrastructure.

Roads are heavily over capacity within the local areas, as are local amenities such as schools and healthcare providers. I have not seen any commitment to improve such with the local development plan.

4. Natural Beauty & Wildlife.

The Loveclough area is a place of natural beauty which was previously recognised by official inspectors who confirmed that there should be no further development to this side of Burnley Road. The plan encroaches on agricultural and greenbelt land, concreting such will hinder the future state of our environment and the lives of our children. The lands holds various species of wildlife from owls and bats, to squirrels and voles; there seems to be little consideration across the plan to the impact that such developments will have on our wildlife species.

Overall, I find that LCC & RBC have felt pressured to produce a plan for submission and as such have taken the easy route in locating prospective land. There is much brownfield land across the borough which requires re-development and would benefit the future of the area; however, as such land is often less attractive to builders than such has not been pushed and instead, more attractive and lucrative land has been made available.

I trust that my above concerns will be raised with the relevant inspectors. Should you require any further details, then please do not hesitate to contact myself directly.

Yours sincerely

Kerry Crompton-Harris