

MIQ response from M Dop 85 re Matter 9 (Loveclough)

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To: Tony Blackburn

Subject: <https://protect-eu.mimecast.com/s/knekCY6j1HGyMPH07mHz?domain=rossendale.gov.uk>

Dear Mr Blackburn,

Whilst I guess that whatever anyone says regarding the building of 75-100 houses off Commercial Street/ Loveclough my thoughts are the council are not interested in what the residents think, which is why they cut corners to get the proposal through.

Several points that should be noted are certainly:

1) The land below Loveclough where Loveclough Park is are all built on clay and therefore any sudden rainfall or really bad weather would cause all the houses behind to flood. Currently because there is a field behind the water tends to get soaked up by that. Take that away and put concrete/ tarmac and you have a flood disaster waiting to happen. It doesn't matter what contingencies you have in place it will flood and therefore we as residents will not only hold the council responsible but the builders as well.

2) After speaking to one of the Governor's at Crawshaw Primary School recently, he told me with utmost certainty they will not be expanding or building any extensions to the school, therefore there are currently no places at the school for any new admissions. With that in mind how can you even build up to a 100 houses if there are going to be no school places available, yet again the council have lied to us regarding this. That is the closest primary school which some of our residents cannot get their children in to never mind more when the houses are built.

3) There is an abundance of wildlife at the bottom of Loveclough/ Penny Lodge in the way of bats, deer, foxes, owls, squirrels, if you take away the trees which is what the plan is showing, you will almost certainly take away all of the wildlife.

4) Building to the rear of our houses on Loveclough Park will certainly have us overlooked and also cut out our light which we enjoy every morning. Surely that cannot be accepted as reasonable as we bought these houses for the fact we had constant sunlight and no one overlooking us.

If you take those few points on when deciding it would be amazing. Unfortunately I am very skeptical and cynical and I just wonder how many brown envelopes have changed hands to get this to this stage in the process that quickly.

I am sure we will never find out, but if someone is prepared to dig deep enough who knows what skeletons will fall out of peoples cupboards. Sorry to say that but I do not have much faith in this process as quite a number of rules have been broken by the council to get to this stage and no one has had the backbone to stand up to them and tell them NO.

Kind regards

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