

As residents of Forest End, whose property directly faces this land, we are firstly disgusted that we or none of our neighbours have actually had an official letter from HBC Planning dept about this proposed development.

The Berewood estate is huge and there is already little respite between our long standing residential estate, and the new one that is now engulfing us from all sides it would seem. This piece of land that is one that the wildlife thrives in, and the proposal to put another 90 dwellings on such a small space, really does smack of over development. On the Berewood "garden estate" master plan, that we were 'sold' when building commenced showed ALL this space to be green, and it was to be improved with better footpaths and cycle routes from our estate, into the new and beyond , at the side of Duncan Cooper house, but leaving a green space for all to share and enjoy. So this is now not to be? We in Forest End, have already had a large influx of foxes and badgers into our gardens, and whilst we welcome nature, they do present issues for the residents here, we now have numerous foxes breeding, fouling gardens, scaring and bringing risks to our pets, damaging fencing and garden sheds by digging under and breaking through, but there is no assistance to relocate them from here- so where will this next batch of displaced wildlife go- onto the roundabout, to the town centre? No- There is nowhere left for them to go, so these deer, foxes, badgers, bats, owls, rabbits, squirrels, amphibians, insects and birds will be lost, as their habitat is cleared away again to provide high density housing. Another notable addition to our neighbourhood here whilst Berewood has been under construction were the rats that also relocated, so I imagine that this little oasis of green will also be missed by them, and we can expect a new wave to move in here, again we will have to stump up the cost to remove them. We have been told that the boundary will be kept with mature trees, I can see these trees behind the 2 storey homes opposite me, those trees will be swamped in comparison to 3 and 4 storey buildings that are proposed in the plan, so I am not assured or swayed by this claim at all.

The entrance to the proposed site is already an extremely busy roundabout where there are regular traffic jams, we also have the added congestion caused by people going to the existing retail park, which can often come to a standstill- not to mention the expansion that is expected on the current McDonalds and Lidl retail park, this is the same area where we have heard no more of the promised leisure facilities, but more of the

same fast food and supermarkets that most will drive to, and are all too common everywhere. The town centre is a very poor offering for the level of housing that is already completed, yet we are told that this new 90 home development is quoted as being an opportunity to apply 'Market Town characteristics' What does that actually mean? –The town centre has been allowed to fall into so much disrepair and even with the new Waterloo Regeneration plan, and some improvements recently, will take many years and a concerted effort from businesses willing to take a risk and volunteers to push authorities to get the kind of town centre that we should expect- HBC have been a part of this lack of action and underinvestment here, and we are still to see whether it will deliver anything worthwhile.

The wholly inadequate provision for Health services here, mean that those of us that live here already struggle to get a doctors appointment, and it is getting steadily worse. When we moved in, the fact that Forest End Surgery was at the end of the road was a big plus factor, as my husband has a long term health condition. We cannot even walk in to book an appointment now, we have to join the phone queue system that seemingly has no end, and to actually see a GP is almost a thing of the past. As the new (replacement) health centre within the Berewood development has not even got a planned start date, (the link on the Berewood website goes to nothing) and this is in reality only a replacement for current services - where are the planned residents of these 90 homes going to receive health care? Local Dentists are even rarer, we both have to travel out of area to get expensive private treatment, as there is nothing else available to us in the local area.

The impact on the local pumping station cannot be ignored, we suffer here in times of wet weather, and overflowing drainage is common on this estate and the surrounding roads, we have noticed an increase in excess water being pushed towards us from the development to the south of Forest End (London Road).

All in all the additional pressures on all of the local community are simply too great to allow any further development here, STOP!!