

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to express my concerns over the recent draft plan submissions regarding the Eastfields estate. It is apparent that no consideration has been taken for the local residents who live within close proximity to the estate.

We live along [REDACTED] At present, we are surrounded by 3 storey buildings, whereby residents along [REDACTED] are able to see our gardens and the rear of our properties from their windows. This leaves us with little privacy and hence we are not able to use our back gardens without the constant fear of being overlooked. I have outlined some of our concerns below:

- The draft plans and models show new buildings at the rear of our homes which will be 3 storey and higher. Not only will this look rather unpleasant but this will invade our privacy further and as the proposed plans include the road position of Clay Avenue being altered, it will result in the new properties being closer towards our properties, with more invasion of our privacy, especially with 3 storey housing being so close by. At the moment, when we are in our back gardens, we are able to see people through their windows and walking up and down stairs and similarly, they are able to see us and into our gardens as well.
- Similarly, the plans to create flats and housing being 3 storey and higher, will not only create a very “estately” feel but in time will reduce the market value of our homes and make the area unpleasant to live in, as these buildings will all be clearly visible from afar and in time will begin to become rather unpleasant as everyone is aware of the social stigma attached to such tall blocks of flats. Normal 3/2 storey pitched housing would be more preferable. We are **extremely** concerned about the height of these new proposed buildings, as these will impose on our privacy and in time reduce the market value of our homes as nobody would wish to live in a home being overlooked by taller buildings whereby people can see into their homes and back gardens.
- It may be worthwhile for the developers/designers to actually pay a visit to our road and see what we are faced with and how this could worsen with their draft designs.
- It would make more sense to keep the position of Clay Avenue where it is and not alter the road position, but to begin the front of the new homes from where the current homes are located.
- The draft plans should also be revised to show consideration and fairness to all local residents as well. It is only fair to have homes that no higher than 2 storey backing our properties, given that Hammond Avenue consists of mostly 1 storey bungalows. Thereby, 3 storey homes can be created further away.
- Creating blocks higher than 3 storey will be very unsightly and we and many others locally do not wish to see blocks of tall flats from our homes.
- Also, although the new proposed flat roofs are designed to be “green” and environmentally friendly, as everyone is aware, these will most likely not be very practical and given the issues that people face with leakages and flat roofs (especially when it comes to insurance), this can be a nightmare. A pitched roof would be the preferred option for majority of people inevitably.

- Currently, the overgrown area backing our gardens is a cause for concern as well, given that the residents along Hammond Avenue are continually faced with having to keep the overgrown ivy and shrubbery and trees that grown from weeds, under control. Having gardens backing our gardens will most likely mean that this green area will become an alleyway and continue to overgrow and create further work for us to clear up continuously. Care needs to be taken by priory homes to maintain this area as currently it appears to be left to worsen.

I do hope that you are able to take these points into consideration and that all local residents are taken into consideration with these draft plans, as the first iteration has clearly not taken many of these factors into account.

Many Thanks