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STRATEGIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENTS

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Re: Trafford Council Core Strategy with reference to davenport Green policy R4 GreenBelt, Countryside and other protected Land

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Please note my comments and objections as follows

In the previous Public Enquiry with regard to this land, my understanding is that if all the planning guidelines agreed to were not met then the Davenport Green area would be returned to the Greenbelt. As these guidelines have not been met the land should be returned to the Greenbelt as previously agreed. To 'move the goal posts' at this time makes a mockery of the previous public enquiry and all subsequent agreements. What is to stop the 'goal posts' being moved again in the future as it suits?

All of the arguments taken into consideration previously still stand and remain relevant today.

Wythenshawe is a very built up area with lots of air pollution which is generated by the M56 motorway which is nearby as well as the close proximity to the airport. The land at Davenport Green has a natural way of dealing with a proportion of this air pollution which would be lost if the land were to be developed in any way. Development of the land at Davenport Green would increase the negative impact on the health of the residents of this area by negating the natural effect of the plants on the environment, effectively increasing the local air pollution, but it would also increase the amount of road traffic in the area which would in turn increase the amount of air pollution.

According to the British Lung Foundation website:

'One in every five people is particularly at risk from air pollution. People who already have a lung disease, the elderly and children are likely to be especially affected by high levels of pollutants'.

Wythenshawe has a population of approximately 77,000 people. This means approximately 15,400 people already have a lung disease in this area. This figure will surely rise with the introduction of more air pollution.

'Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odourless, poisonous gas that comes mainly from traffic exhaust. It stops the blood carrying oxygen to the brain, heart and other tissues. People with heart disease are particularly at risk'. (BLF website 2011)

Wythenshawe is a socially deprived area, which typically means it is likely to have a higher incidence of both respiratory and heart disease. This will only be increased by the introduction of more motorised transport and the further reduction of nature's own defence against air pollution. It is worthy to note that Wythenshawe hospital is the Lung and Heart centre for the North West of the country. Having even higher air pollution in the area will go a long way to undermining this position and putting the

health of seriously ill patients at further risk.

The lanes surrounding Davenport Green are an important route, used by many people to get to the areas of Timperly, Hale and Altrincham. If these routes were closed down the effect on other local roads would be immense. There would be increased congestion, particularly at peak times which would compound this issues already raised.

DavenportGreen is a beautiful piece of land which gives locals the opportunity to visit some countryside on their own doorstep. This is often the only chance some residents have to visit the countryside and get away from their locally built up areas. In this area there are protected and rare species, the Greater Crested Newt and the Marsh Marigold. To disturb their environment could have a serious detrimental effect on their survival.

Davenport Green is a natral buffer between the areas of Wythenshawe and Hale/Altrincham. To build on this land would create a sprawling conurbation which would not necessarily benefit either community, particularly when there are other areas, already developed, which could be adapted to accommodate any future business development.

Overall, it appears that there are more arguments for putting this area back into the Greenbelt as was previously agreed, and as the Government is particularly keen on keping the population healthy Davenport Green would be an excellent place to start.

The amount of public money spent on public enquiries is, I am sure, astronomical. By putting Davenport Green back into the Greenbelt there will be no need for any further public enquiries on this topic, which will free up public funds which can be used to further enhance the quality of life for the residents in the surrounding areas.

