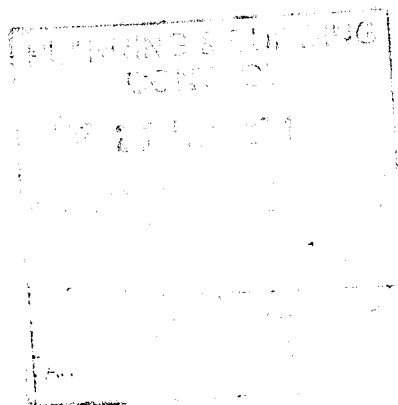


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Dear Ms Parker

Trafford Core Strategy Examination

Thank you for sending me the Further Responses to the Inspector's Note 5 to the Planning Policy Report. As an Objector to the proposed development of Davenport Green some fifteen years ago at that earlier hearing, I still have a great interest in the outcome this time and would like to attend part of the time at the hearing, though not to speak.

My worry is that if favourable conditions for a Business Park do arise and the Nature Park is developed, it will mean that a great change of transport facilities, including new roads as indicated in the Report, will have to take place. The distance between the M56 and for example Clay Lane is very small. Considering the amount of development that has been built on the airport side over the last few years, such as hotels, car parks and the proposed new road to access a new Distribution Centre where Rose Cottage and its hamlet now stand, it means that the airport will be on the doorstep of the Green Belt and the Protected Open Space.

Surely all this must have damaged the air quality, the wild life and the other advantages of that side of the Motorway, thus making the Timperley side all the more precious as a buffer from such activity.

Davenport Green and the land back to Thorley Lane has been and still is an open air haven for outdoor pursuits such as walking, bird-watching, botanising and generally enjoying the freedom it gives to a large interested catchment area of people surrounding it. Brooks Drive has long been a way to it and when it was opened up properly twelve years ago it helped even more people to use the area for healthy pursuits.

Unfortunately any change of use could cause problems to the natural beauty of the area as for example we already have at Davenport Hall Hotel. The owners are constantly pushing the boundaries by making a hardcore area for a car park and placing a gate across the whole width of what was once one of the last original parts of Brooks Drive.

The future use of all the area to the agricultural owners must be difficult to plan as it is not worth investing long term if they do not have a future, though the

proximity to Farmers' Markets should be producing large quantities of crops on such good land. It is most important that if the Open Ground is not managed, it would turn into scrub land and rough land where nature lovers could not gain access and the general quality of the site would change. Already the path across from Newall Green to Roaring Gate Lane over the Brook is overgrown.

I hope this explains my concerns and ask the Inspector to have Davenport Green returned to its previous Green Belt status and protection.

Yours faithfully