



Walsall Council

Councillors Michael Flower, Anthony Harris & Keith Sears
Conservative, Aldridge North & Walsall Wood

Your ref:
Our ref:
Date: 25 January 2007

Dear Residents,

Re: Development concerns at Shire Oak reservoir

A number of concerned local residents have contacted us regarding the outline planning application submitted for Shire Oak reservoir, on the corner of Lichfield and Chester Roads.

For clarity this application is outline only. This means that only the principle of locating a housing development at this site and the means of vehicular access is for consideration now. Other issues such as the number and type of houses and the estate layout would require a further application – if the current outline submission is successful.

We share the concerns of residents that Shire Oak junction and the roads leading to it are a problem – both with regard to traffic volume and safety. Infrastructure should be improved before development in this area and we do not want this to be a 'straw that breaks the camel's back' scenario. Development close to the Nature Park is also a concern.

We are supporting a petition which is being undertaken by local residents and we have attached a copy overleaf. We would urge you to contact the Planning and Building Control Services at the Council if you feel strongly either way or would like any further information contact the planning case officer Barbara Toy on 01922 652429 or Andrew White on 01922 652487.

In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully

Councillors Mike Flower and Keith Sears
Conservative, Aldridge North & Walsall Wood

NB- Please note that as Cllr Anthony Harris is our representative on the Development Control Committee he is unable to discuss applications prior to their discussion at the committee. Please contact Cllrs Mike Flower (07732 079881) and Keith Sears (07817 900815).