

Submission in relation to Kelland Homes submission for rezoning of land adjacent to Elder Heath residential development (reference: SD-C195-172)

We would like to correct a number of misleading information provided by Kelland Homes in their submission for proposed rezoning.

They depict the land proposed for rezoning as a sort of ‘no man’s land’ with the potential to fuel anti-social behavior (“The absent land under the overhead power cables have left this edge feeling somewhat unresolved and subject to potential anti-social activity.”) However, nothing could be further from the truth. The only anti-social behaviour that can be witnessed there is grazing and we believe that the cattle is doing so in full agreement with the land owner. A lot of wildlife is regularly being observed on the proposed site for rezoning that would be invisible to a profit-obsessed developer such as foxes, deer, pheasants and a huge variety of birds that would require proper surveying along with bats and other mammals. Trees and hedgerows on site are likely to be century-old and under environmental law would require full protection and not just a vague ‘we will do our best to keep some of it’. The mention of potential anti-social behaviour occurring on site is grounded in the stigmatization of the local community which is another proof if needed that developers are well-disconnected from the places that they are supposed to enhance.

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